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THE LESSON FOR US.

WHEN the present war began, the French regular army was composed of 9 regiments of Guards, 100 regiments of the line, 3 of Zouaves, 20 of chasseurs, 1 of foreigners, 3 of Turcos, and 3 battalions of light infantry. Of these, there are at present 5 regiments and 3 battalions in Algeria, and 2 regiments have lately arrived in France from There are also parts of the other regiments remaining which were at depots, and which have since been consolidated or form the nucleus of new regiments. All the rest, that is to say, all the regular troops which took the field, are prisoners in Germany. Much as we have been impressed with the great disasters of Sedan and Metz, it still seems inconceivable that of all the military units composing the French army which took the field not one remains unsurrendered. The most renowned army of the world has passed completely under a foreign

Surely we should be able to draw from a lesson so tremendous something of value for our own future guidance; and America is not wanting in philosophers who are quick to discover the warning there is for us in the fate of France. First in the field is the peace party, advocating an immediate and universal disarmament; the Women's Rights advocates, under the lead of Mrs. Howe, follow next; and we have a woman's convention suggested in which such mighty resolutions are to be given forth, that armies with banners are to pause in their courses. King WILLIAM is to go back to Berlin, and pass his days in ordering his household, and von MOLTKE shall return to till his fields. America, unhindered by foreign jealousies, is to pursue that path of greatness which needs only perpetual peace to be

Turning from the dreams of theorists to the world as we find it, we discover that the real lesson for us in the overthrow of France is not that we should abolish armies, but that we should increase the effi-ciency of those we have. England acted upon that lesson with great promptness; and her government workshops were applying it long before Metz surrendered. Other European nations have perhaps been less prompt in bending their energies to a new scrutiny of their military organizations, but in general their habit is to profit both by the succ and the defeats of their neighbors.

There is a general fondness in this country for talking of our "unbounded resources." This war teach's us that the largest means quickly find a limit, if they are disorganized, and that a powerful year, and preparing their annual reports. The renardion may be helpless if it is unprepared. We are very far from being emasculated like France. We have our peace men and our peace women; but when pecial anxiety by the officers interested in the questhe war comes on our Quakers fight and our women embroider the banners, yes, and urge the young

with our neighbors; but a war will always be popular if we are attacked. All this martial energy is valuable if trained-next to worthless if it is untrained and we have an active enemy. It is not pleasant to think it; but what would have been our fate in the Rebellion if we had had an enemy as prepared and energetic as Prussia? It is true that our geographical position, with Canada on the north, Mexico on the south, and our own coast on each side of us, is immensely in our favor. It is true that our policy of never interfering in the affairs of other nations, and allowing none to meddle in ours, is a policy that all our neighbors agree to with apparent heartiness. But for all that we have wars, and it is our business to carry them on successfully, creditably, and cheaply.

The backbone of a country is the character of its population; train this, and your army is ready. The experience of Europe and of ourselves, both in former and in recent times, shows that this training is not so hard a matter. It would be difficult to introduce here a system like that of Prussia, taking men from their business affairs, subjecting the citizens to disagreeable burdens of duty to the State. But at least we can do something like what England is doing. We have our volunteers, and the power of the President is ample in time of danger. Make our National Guard a trained body-trained not merely in the soldier's step, but in some of the real work of the soldier; and when we have a war, we can do more in three months of preparation than we did in the whole of 1861. If we cannot have a few weeks of real field work every year, as Prussia has, we can at least give point and interest to our existing National Guard, by encouraging the use of arms and giving a stimulus to military feeling. Congress can with great propriety, and, in our opinion, with a very successful result, offer prizes to sharpshooters, the trials to take place under the direction of Army officers. A very small sum spent in this way would produce much greater results than those believe who think that the American is utterly absorbed in making money. The little experience we had at Clifton, New Jersey, proved that competitive target practice interests a great many persons. Stimulated by a small reward, there would be an immense amount of practice all through the year, which in five years would bear the best fruit. Ten thousand dollars spent in prizes in varions parts of the country would induce the expenditure of ten times that sum by the people for the purpose of practising. It is not the men who win the prizes that are alone valuable to the country in war time, but the much greater number who have failed. Those too have had instruction in one of the vital duties of the soldier; and in a country where the bounties and pensions are so high as here, the difference of the result in one day's fighting would repay all the country had spent in this sort of preparation for a generation.

PENDING the approaching session of Congress the various Departments and Bureaus at Washington have been occupied in gathering the statistics of the tion of mustering out. The report of General SHER-MAN was submitted to the Secretary November 10, men on to the field. We have no desire to quarrel with the manuscripts of the division and depart- than the fall of the year

ment reports, which are full and interesting, and will be published in proper time. Meanwhile we give this week, under our "Army" head, a statement of the present strength of the Army. The total, according to the reports received at the Adjutant-General's office up to October 20, was 34,196, a gain since October 10 of 674. The cavalry numbers in all 9,892 men, the regiments averaging nearly a thousand men each; the Fifth Cavalry, the largest, having 1,123, and the Sixth Cavalry, the smallest, 733. The artillery force is 4,205, an average of 841 to each regiment, the numbers ranging from 780 in the First Artillery to 944 in the Second Artillery. The infantry, exclusive of detachments, shows a total of 16,936, averaging 677 men to a regiment; the largest regiment, the Eighth, which has just received 450 recruits, numbering 908 men, and the smallest regiment, the Twenty-fourth, having 431 men.

The total number of officers in the Army October

20 was 2,488, or 211 in excess of the total (2,277) to which reduction must be made by January 1. All the second lieutenants are now absorbed, and on the 1st of January there will be 80 vacanies in that grade. Two hundred and seventy-seven officers will have to be absorbed therefore in the retired list, or mustered out, between October 20 and January 1. There are now on the retired list 186, leaving 114 places that may be filled. For these vacant pl ten officers have applied under the thirty years law, and about 80 have been recommended for retirement by the several boards. This leaves still twenty-four vacancies; but there are cases still pending before the retiring boards sufficient to fill these. General Hancock's board, which is at work, will not be able to conclude their labors until the end of December. They have returned to the Adjutant-General the names of a few officers who they have decided are not fit subjects for their action, and these will be announced as acquitted and restored to duty. We are glad to be able to assure the officers interested, that there is every reason to believe that by resignation, retirement, and the action of General HANCOCK'S board, enough vacancies will be provided for nearly or quite all the officers on the waiting orders list, who desire to remain in the service.

BEGINNING with 1871, the Prussian government will take the measure of its recruits according to the metrical system. The metre, as is well known, measures very nearly 40 inches; a centimetre, or the hundredth part of the measure, is therefore fourtenths of an inch. This centimetre is further divided into tenths, called millimetres, equal to one twenty-fifth of an inch. In measuring the recruits, differences of less than 5 millimetres will be neglected, so that 9 millimetres will be marked as 5; that is to say, differences of less than one-fifth of an inch will not be noted. The dimensions for the different services are fixed in the new measure as follows: For horse artillery, 1.75; for cuirassiers and Uhlans (exceptional), 1.78; dragoons, hussars, and train, 1.72.

The minimum heights are: for the guards exclusive of the light cavalry, 1.70; dragoon guards, hussar guards, foot and marine artillery, pioneers, linecuirassiers, and Uhlans, 1.67; for field, foot, and horse artillery, 1.65; for all other arms, 1.62.

THE next meeting of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee will be held at Cincinnati April 6 and 7, 1871 the anniversary of the battle of Shiloh. This date is chosen as more convenient for the members generally

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ORGANIZATION OF THE PRUSSIAN ARMY.

VII. YEARLY COURSE OF TRAINING.

THE 1st of October is the New Year's day in the Prus an army, when the reserves are dismissed and the recruits arrive. Drill and instruction of the recruits commence immediately. The "drill sergeant" and the necessary number of non-commissioned officers, under of a lieutenant of the company, are permanently detailed, and excused from guard and other duties Three months are allotted for the school of the soldier, including the rudiments of skirmish drill and some tar socice by way of introduction. Recruits drill be-four and five hours a day. Most garrisons are provided with a drill house, built for the purpose of drilling in winter. In the evening the recruits receive cal instruction from the non-commissioned offiear of the squad. The older men do the necessary guard duty, and undergo instruction in field and outpost duty, by way of repetition, and have additional target for the poorer marksmen. In cavalry and artillery the instruction in riding of course commences at once, along with the drill on foot. The best riders among old soldiers are placed in charge of the young remounts, of which each squadron receives about the same number, ten to fifteen a year; they are five-year-olds, and ed in the squadron until they are thoroughly The old men ride their horses in the manage, built on purpose at each cavalry or artillery garrison formed in riding classes, not only for the purpose of exeroise, but for improving men and horses No horse is permitted one day, Sundays excepted, spect. to go without his forty-five minutes' ride in the school. After three months the e recruits are inspected by the battalion and regimental commander in the school of the soldier and theoretical instruction. The company is en formed, and about six weeks are accorded to the captain to drill his company in the school of the company and formal skirmish drill, to be inspected at the end of this period by the colonel in a very strict manner. discipline and efficiency expected in the school of the company are very great. If it happened twice during the drill that a man should be late in bringing the hand down at "carry arms," the company would be considered poor in the manual.

With the cavalry the period of recruit-drilling embraces six months, but the movements of the squadron are taught on foot during these months in order to have the perfectly well acquainted with the school of the squadron towards the coming of the better season, when the squadron is formed and drilled mounted. Company squadron inspections—which always mean spectic n in regard to efficiency in drill and discipline as the main thing, but which are never confined to an inn of cleanliness of dress and arms only-being ver, the battalion commander takes his battalion in hand. There is never less than a battalion in a garrison The battalion drills about one month in the school of the battalion, and the same precision is expected by the eral commanding the brigade, who comes to inspect it, which is exacted from the companies. est neglect at any drill is visited by exalight tra drill in the afternoon for one hours, when non-commissioned officers detailed for the purpose drill the backsliders under the supern of the officer of the day. Captains of cavalry drill their squadrons about six weeks, and in regard to the artillery it ought to be remarked that their duties are very arduous, because every man must be efficient in the different parts of duty, and not all the pieces of the batteries being provided with horses in petimes, it is hard work to put all the men through. ons where more than one battalion is stationed, as in large cities or fortresses, some time is given to drilling the regiments and brigades. The four squadrons of each cavalry regiment get concentrated about this time of the year for a ten days' drill by regiment-not a very difficult matter, as the stations of the regiment are seldom further than one or two days' march from each other. The division general and the general commanding the army corps at this time visit each regiment or battallion.

The infantry in the beginning of May commence [the or term;" that is, they begin skirmish drill in the woods, outpost duty, one company against another, and the regular course of target practice. Every Prus sian soldier fires at least 100 rounds a year at the target, every single shot being recorded. It is a general rule everything is to be looked after by the officers in ctive commands. Skirmishing and outpost duty are in their turn inspected, and the target practice ds up with a prize shooting.

ers and the administrative branches, especially the train battalion, go yearly through a course of training adapted to their different duties, and they turn out

trained for the exercise of their duties if called upon in ase of war. In the latter part of August the field manœuvres" commence. The artillery, after having gone through their target firing, are detailed to the inunite for drilling by brigades first, and ultimately a day or two by division, just to keep the generals' hand in for handling their commands, and several days follow, when one brigade of infantry, with cavalry and artillery, has its little campaign against the other, a campaign resembling a veritable one almost in everything except the bullet. The troops biyouac, execute heavy marches-in short, everything is tried which may occur in war. For these occasions the reserves are called in in their turn, and with the 1st of October the new year commences again.

Two army corps every year do these field manœuvre on a larger scale, the King being present in person. Then the reserves, up to the number of 1,000 per battalion, are called in for about four to six works, and the corps manceuvre against each other. Of course some damage is done to the fields, though the thing takes place after harvest; but a board composed of representa tives of the county and of the government is on the spot to appraise and adjust damages to be paid for.

Just to show how the standard of efficiency is kept up, it may be permitted to narrate a little anecdote. 1861 or '62 the great fall review took place on the Rhine, the Seventh and Eighth army corps against each ether. General von Brinerdrad, an old knight of the Iron Cross, and a distinguished officer, comm Eighth corps. One of the brigadiers conducted his brigade improperly, in a manner which in earnest would have led to its destruction. A French officer presentand the French officers always muster in considerable numbers on these occasions on the Rhine-remarked to General von B.: "Mais, mon Dieu, Général, cette brigade-là est perdu!" "O non," replied the General, "ce 'est pas la brigade, c'est le général qui est perdu." Next morning the brigadier received the King's order retiring him from the service with his pension.

It is a great mistake to believe that officers and men of the Prussian army are idlers. The duties are very hard all the year round; the officers fulfil them as teach ers of this great school, and the men are subjected to this sharp training for the purpose of getting them into the habit of enduring hardships. A man who may have n accustomed to ten hours' hard work a day in the field will not always be able to undergo the hardships of a soldier. At his work he may rest whenever he pleases: on the march he must move on until the time of rest comes on for the whole. And much more, such is the case with mechanics and other men not at all accus tomed to outdoor work. Having gone through all this, however, for three years, it is reasonable to expect that he can do it again if called upon during the next six years of his life, especially if he has had occasion to try it again once or twice during his stay in the reserve.

The small number of stragglers and sick in the Prussian army has been favorably remarked upon in 1866 by all the testimony we have, and there is no doubt it will be the same in 1870 as soon as impartial and cool judgment shall be passed about it.

VIII. STANDING PREPARATIONS FOR MOBILIZATION.

The first preparation is thirty million thalers in cash in the treasury. Such at least was the amount in 1866 collected and set aside by law, not to be touched except for paying the first expenses of war. This money is used in payment for the horses which are taken from the country, for the establishment of the great depots of provisions, and other immediate expenses. Thirty millions don't go very far nowadays, but they are sufficient until Parliament can find the ways and ns. Not the calling in of the men is the main thing, but of the horses. I am unable to state what the number required is now; but anybody who knows what num bers of animals are needed for transportation can easily imagine the importance of the article in a country where no mules are raised. The number of horses fit for military service is registered by a yearly census; and every part of the army knows wherefrom they get their share Mixed boards in each circle, as soon as the order is out, ceive, examine, appraise, and assort them according to the schedule, and off they go. The additional trooper horses all come from Eastern Prussia, Mecklenburg and Hanover, the provinces which raise the best stock. Railroads assist materially nowadays to accelerate this this business. Horse trains are the first flying about. The artillery have the hardest task; they have to break in the additional horses during the few days before the start, and to utilize every mor ent of leisure when first move by rail is made. If therefore the possibility of war arises; the purchase of the necessary artillery horses is the first step to be taken. In 1866 the artillery got their horses all ready in March, when the first diffiat the end of the year the regulation number of men culties arose with Austria. This year, when the war

came upon Germany like a thief in the night, the artillery must have had much trouble, though to break horses for artillery service which have been at the plough may not be so very difficult after all for men who are perfectly up to the business. There is no trouble about the horses for the train. Officers procure their increased number of mounts by private purchase, but receive assistance in money.

It need hardly be mentioned that the material of every scription in every department is always ready. Cloth ing, accoutrements, arms for the field army and for the depot battalions, are in keeping of each battalion, which has its own war store. The colonel is responsible for their preservation. All regular issues in peace are made therefrom, being replaced at the same time. The amount of ammunition for boxes, battalion ammunition, earts, and first reserve in ammunition train (kriegschargirung) is always ready at the nearest depot. stores for the Landwehr are in charge of the Landwehr battalion commander, and of a few men permanently detailed. The reserve of needle-guns is very great. No new musket is ever issued, except the arse nal has got 150 per cent. in reserve. Supposing the field army is to take the field with 300,000 infantry, 450,000 needle-guns are actually in reserve. Prussia has made no contracts for the fabrication of arms of any description since the outbreak of the present war, though the government armories have, of course, to a great extent stopped work on account of the workmen being in the field. Neither have any purchases of arms been made in foreign countries.

The easiest part of the business is to get the men. The order for each man is ready to the name and address and to the very signature of the Landwehr battalion commander, and nothing has to be inserted but the date when the man is to report. Official notice is given besides by the newspapers, to call the attention of temporary absentees. The orders are prearranged by districts and villages, so as to reduce the time of forwarding by rail, and messengers on horseback, to a mini-All applications for getting excused are settled every year by the department recruiting board, previously mentioned. They are of various kinds: 1st. Persons whose services in their civil position are indispensable in the very moment of mobilization, such as locomotive engineers; 2d. Persons disabled by chronic disease or accidents; 3d. Persons who have become entitled to exemption under the law, as a farmer whose father has died and has left the son the only supporter of a family of younger children, etc. All these cases are acted upon from year to year by the board. At the moment of a mobilization no applications are entertained at all, except in very urgent cases arisen since the last session of the board; but their number is, by the regular routine of business, reduced to a minimum

As the mobilization of the whole army at once can benome necessary only in case of a war with Austria, Russia, or France, the first movements have been fixed, once for all, for the concentration of the army corps on the respective frontiers: and it need not be said that the plan for the transportation by rail to a certain extent is ready at the headquarters of the general staff, to the very time-tables of the great railroad lines. C. v. H.

MAJOR J. W. DeForrest, an ex-officer of volunteers the author of "Overland," a story now being published in the Galaxy magazine, has chosen as the hero of his novel a young graduate of the Military Academy, who is thus described in the December number of the magazine:

By Coronado's side rode a man who had not a thought for himself. A person who has not passed years in the Army can hardly imagine the sense of responsibility which is ground into the character of an officer. He is a despot, but a despot who is constantly accountable the welfare of his subjects, and who never passes a without many grave thoughts of the despots above h Superior officers are in a manner his deities, and the my Regulations have for him the weight of Scripts. Scripture my Regulations have for him the weight of Scripture. He never forgets by what solemn rules of duty and honor he will be judged if he falls short of his obligations. This professional conscience becomes a destiny to him, and guides his life to an extent inconceivable by most civilians. He acquires a habit of watching and caring for others; he cannot help assuming a charge which falls in his way. When he is not governed by the rule of obedience, he is governed by the rule of responsibility. The two make up his duty, and to do his duty is his existence. sponsibility. The

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At this moment our young West Pointer, only twenty-three or four years old, was gravely and grimly anxious for his four soldiers, for all these people whom circumstance had placed under his protection, and even for his Army mules, provisions, and ammunition. His only other sentiment was a passionate desire to prevent harm or even fear from approaching Clara Van Diemen. These two sentiments might be said to make up for the present his entire character. As we have already observed, he had not a thought for himself.

Clara Van Diemen it should be conditioned.

Clara Van Diemen, it should be explained, is the heroine of the story, with whom the young officer, true to his character as an Army man, falls in love at the first d

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THE ARMY.

THE President of the United States having designated Thursday, the 24th day of November, as the day on which he recommends that "all citizens meet in their respective places of worship, to give thanks for the bounty of God during the year about to close, and to suppli-cate for its continuance hereafter;" it is ordered by Brigadier-General Augur, commanding Department of the Platte, that on that day, at the military posts and headquarters in this department, all military and fatigue duties be suspended, except necessary guards and police; and that all proper means and facilities be afforded officers and soldiers to assist in the recognized observances of the day-observances prompted by their own feeling as well as enjoined by the recommendation of the President.

SUBJECT to the approval of the proper authorities, General Orders No. 19, series of 1868, Headquarters De partment of Dakota, defining the reservation of Fort Steenson, D. T., are amended, and the public lands enclosed by the hereinafter described survey, made by Captain D. P. Heap, chief engineer Department of Dakota, are reserved: The flagstaff is the initial point. The south-west corner is on the south bank of the Missouri river, 2 miles 420 feet south, and 4 miles 2,500 feet west of the flagstaff. From this point the boundary line runs due north 4 miles 420 feet: thence due east 12 miles: thence due south to the west bank of Snake river; thence along the west bank of Snake river to the centre of the channel of the Missouri river; thence down the centre of the channel of the Missouri river, to the point due east of the south-west corner; thence to the southwest corner. So much of paragraph 2, General Orders No. 66, of 1869, Headquarters Department of the Platte, as relates to the reservation of Fort McPherson, is amended to read as follows: Commencing at a point one mile due south of the flagstaff in the centre of the parade ground; thence two miles due east; thence due north to the north bank of the Platte river; thence westerly along said north bank to the meridian two miles west of the flagstaff; thence south along said meridian until it strikes the parallel, one mile south of said flagstaff; thence east along said parallel to the point of beginning. And in addition hereto, a strip of land extending one hundred feet on either side of a line drawn from the north end of the bridge over the Platte river, known as Burke's Bridge, to McPherson Station on the U. P. Railroad.

ACCOMPANYING the annual report of General Sher man, which was submitted to the Secretary of War. November 10, was the following statement of the present strength of the Army, compiled from the re-turns received at the Adjutant-General's Office, up to October 20, 1870.

1st Cavalry1	,023	7th	Infantry	739
2d Cavalry	921	8th	Infantry	458
3d Cavalry	986	9th	Infantry	567
4th Cavalry	854	10th	Infantry	828
5th Cavalry1	.123	11th	Infantry	681
6th Cavalry	733	12th	Infantry	831
7th Cavalry1	.094	13th	Infantry	504
8th Cavalry1	171	14th	Infantry	657
9th Cavalry	962	15th	Infantry	845
10th Cavalry1	.025	16th	Infantry	665
1st Artillery	780	17th	Infantry	898
2d Artillery.	944	18th	Infantry	472
3d Artillery	813	19th	Infantry	548
4th Artillery	601	20th	Infantry	810
oth Artillery	867	21st	Infantry	483
1st Infantry	604	22d	Infantry	778
2d Infantry	718	23d	Infantry	665
od Infantry	746	24th	Infantry	431
4th Infantry	600	25th	Infantry	482
oth Infantry	812		neer Battalion	560
6th Infantry	664	.0		
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The Eighth Infantry has, in addition to the above, had assigned to it 450 recruits since its arrival in New

Permanent and recruiting parties and recruits not available for assignment, 1,010; general service on duty in bureaus or at Department Headquarters, 376; Ordnance Department, 706; West Point detachment, 261; Signal detachment, 82; Hospital Stewards, 333; Ordnance Sergeants, 121; available recruits at depot, 743; recruits sent from Fort Leavenworth to battalions of artillery, September 30 and October 7, 1870, 95; total officers and enlisted men in the Army, 34,870.

A GENERAL Court-martial was appointed to meet at the Army building, corner of Houston and Greene streets, New York city, November 16, for the trial of Captain A. M. Randol, First Artillery, and such other persons as may be brought before it. Detail for the court: Colonel James V. Bomford, Eighth Infantry; Major John M. Brannan, First Artillery; Major John D. Wilkins, Eighth Infantry; Captain Henry W. Closson, First Artillery; Captain Henry M. Lazelle, Eighth Infantry; Captain Loomis L. Langdon, First Artillery; Captain John F. Ritter, Eighth Infantry; Captain Edwin W. H. Read, Eighth Infantry; Captain Royall T. Frank, Eighth Infantry. First Lieutenant Robert C. Perry, U. S. Army, unattached, judge-advocate'

ABSTRACT OF SPECIAL ORDERS

Issued from the Adjutant-General's Office for the week November 21, 1870.

Tuesday, November 15.

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Leave of absence for six months, to take effect January 1, 1871, or as soon thereafter as the second lieutenant of his company shall rejoin it, is hereby granted First Lieutenant H. H. Humphreys, Fifteenth Infantry.

So much of paragraph 3, Special Orders No. 312, November 14, 1870, from this office, as directs Colonel Reeve, superintendent General Recruiting Service, New York city, to order First Lieutenant W. E. Horton, Twenty-fourth Infantry, to Newport Barracks, Kentucky, to report to Lieutenant-Colonel Wessells, to accompany recruits to the Nineteenth Infantry, is hereby revoked.

Second Lieutenant T. B. Reed, Twenty-fourth Infantry, will report in person without delay to Colonel Blake, superintendent Mounted Recruiting Service, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, to accompany the first detachment of recruits leaving that post for the Department of Texas. Upon completion of this duty he will join his proper station.

The stoppage of pay directed by paragraph 25, Special Orders No. 140, June 11, 1869, from this office, against Captain S. B. M. Young, Eighth Cavalry, until he should render his account current and return of provisions for December, 1867, and complied with certain letters from the office of the Commissary-General o Subsistence, is hereby removed, he having rendered the account and return and complied with the letters referred to.

Hospital Steward D. O. C. Downing, U. S. Army, now

account and return and complied with the letters referred to.

Hospital Steward D. O. C. Downing, U. S. Army, now on duty in the office of the Surgeon-General, will be discharged the service of the United States, to date October 1, 1870, upon the receipt of this order at the place where he may be serving.

At his own request, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870, section 3, First Lieutenant Charles C. Aleshire, Third Artillery, is, by direction of the President, hereby honorably discharged the service of the United States. He is entitled to travelling allowances.

At his own request, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870, section 3, First Lieutenant H. C. Sloan, Fourth Infantry, is, by direction of the President, hereby honorably discharged the service of the United States, to take effect December 1, 1870. He is entitled to travelling allowances.

Wednesday, November 16.

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First Lieutenant David A. Griffith, unassigned, is hereby relieved from duty as Indian agent, and will proceed to his home and await orders.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dickinson Woodruff, unassigned, will report by letter to Brigadier-General McDowell, president of the retiring board convened at New York city by Special Orders No. 194, August 9, 1870, from this office, and will hold himself in readiness to appear before the board for examination when summoned.

Permission to delay ten days in joining his proper station is hereby granted Captain Jacob D. Jones, Fifth Infantry.

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By direction of the President, and under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 15, 1370, section 12, First Lieutenant William E. Horton, Twenty-fourth Infantry, is, at his own request, hereby transferred to the "list of supernumeraries."

First Lieutenant Alexander McL. Crawford, unassigned, will report by letter to Brigadier-General McDowell, president of the retiring board convened at New York city, by Special Orders No. 194, August 9, 1870, from this office, and will hold himself in readiness to appear before the board for examination when summoned.

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At his own request, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870, section 3, First Lieutenant Stanton Weaver, Twentieth Infantry, is, by direction of the President, hereby honorably discharged the service of the United States, to take effect December 15, 1870. He is entitled to travelling allowances.

The leave of absence granted First Lieutenant James B. Burbank, Third Artillery, in Special Orders No. 244, November 9, 1870, from headquarters Department of the South, is hereby extended to November 30, 1870.

The permission to delay, granted Captain Addison Barrett, military storekeeper, Quartermaster's Department, in Special Orders No. 254, September 26, 1870, from this office, is hereby extended thirty days.

At his own request, Superintendent J. Nutting, National Cemetery at Fayetteville, Arkansas, is hereby discharged the service of the United States.

The superintendent General Recruiting Service, Cincinnati, Ohio, will forward, under proper charge, in detachments of not less than one hundred, three hundred recruits, from those which are or may from time to time become disposable at the denot. to San Diego, Cali-

tachments of not less than one hundred, three hundred recruits, from those which are or may from time to time become disposable at the depot, to San Diego, California: (via New York city and the Isthmus of Panama), where they will be reported by telegraph, upon arrival, to the commanding general Military Division of the Pacific, for assignment to the Twenty-first Infantry. Leave of absence, until final action is taken upon the proceedings of the retiring board in his case, is hereby granted First Lieutenant L. J. Whiting, unassigned.

Thursday, November 17.

The leave of absence granted Colonel Jefferson C. Davis, Twenty-third Infantry, in Special Orders No. 131, September 19, 1870, from headquarters Military Division of the Pacific, is hereby extended four months.

Friday, November 18.

At his own request, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870, section 3, First Lieuten of the President, hereby discharged the service of the United States.

At his own request, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870, section 3, First Lieutenant Charles B. Brady, Fifth Cavalry, is, by direction of the President, hereby discharged the service of the United States.

At his own request, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870, section 3, First Lieutenant E. K. Russell, First Artillery, November 15, and the leave of absence granted Second Lieutenant of the President, hereby discharged the service of the

United States, to take effect November 30, 1870. He will be allowed, under section 24 of the act approved July 15, 1870, ten cents per mile from Washington, D. C., to his residence.

C., to his residence.

The resignation of Second Lieutenant John C. Graham, Third Cavalry, has been accepted by the President, to take effect December 31, 1870.

Captain John B. Johnson, Sixth Cavalry, will report by letter to Brigadier-Genral McDowell, president of the retiring board convened at New York city by Special Orders No. 194, August 9, 1870, from this office, and will hold himself in readiness to appear before the board for examination when summoned.

Major Lyman Bissell, Eleventh Infantry, will report in person without delay to Colonel Pennypacker, president of the retiring board convened at Fort Leavenworth, Kanssa, by Special Orders No. 194, August 9, 1870, from this office, for examination before the board.

Saturday, November 19.

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Saturday, November 19.

Captain Charles Snyder, unassigned, is hereby relieved from duty on General Recruiting Service. He will turn over the public property and funds in his possession to Captain James F. Randlett, unassigned, recruiting officer at Baltimore, Maryland.

As soon as the recruits ordered by paragraph 2, Special Orders No. 307, November 10, 1870, from this office, to be sent to the Fourth and Sixth Cavalry in the Department of Texas, have been forwarded, the superintendent Mounted Recruiting Service, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvanis, will prepare a detachment of seventy-nine recruits from those which are or may from time to time become disposable at the depot and forward it, under proper charge, to San Francisco, California, where it will be reported, upon arrival, to the commanding general Military Division of the Pacific for assignment to companies B, D, F, and H, First Cavalry.

As soon as the recruits ordered by paragraph 4, Special Orders No. 286, October 25, 1870, from this office, to be assigned to the Eighth Infantry, have been furnished, the superintendent General Recruiting Service, New York city, will prepare detachments of convenient size of recruits which are or may from time to time become disposable at the depot and forward them, under proper charge, to San Francisco, California, where they will be reported, upon arrival, to the commanding general Military Division of the Pacific for assignment as follows: eighty-three to Companies C, E, and I, Second Artillery; fifty-three to Company C, Twelfth Infantry.

The telegraphic order of the 18th instant, from this office, directing Captain G. W. Bradley, assistant quartermaster, to repair to Fort Harker, Kansas, and report as a witness in the case of Captain Henry Inman, assistant quartermaster, to repair to Fort Harker, Kansas, and report as a witness in the case of Captain Henry Inman, assistant quartermaster, so the Department of Dako

Monday, November 21.

Upon the mutual application of the officers concerned, the following transfers in the Fifteenth Infantry are hereby announced: First Lieutenant M. P. Buffum from Company B to Company K; First Lieutenant R. E. Bradford from Company K to Company B. The officers thus transferred will join their proper stations without delay.

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The leave of absence granted Captain James W. Powell, Jr., Sixth Infantry, in Special Orders No. 182, September 30, 1870, from headquarters Department of the Missouri, is hereby extended ninety days.

ARMY PERSONAL.

THE General Court-martial instituted for the trial of Captain A. M. Randol, First Artillery, was dissolved November 16.

Leave of absence for thirty days was granted First Lieutenant William Harmon, U. S. Army, unassigned, November 14.

Leave of absence for twenty days, was granted Cap-tain Richard Arnold, Fifth Artillery, to take effect after the 1st proximo, November 21.

The leave of absence granted Assistant Surgeon J. C. G. Happersett, U.S. Army, was extended, November 16, twenty days on surgeon's certificate of disability.

Post Chaplain William Vaux, U. S. Army, was relieved from duty at Fort Wallace November 16, and ordered to Fort Harker, Kansas, to report for duty to the commanding officer of that post.

Leave of absence for thirty days was granted Major Richard I. Dodge, Third Infantry, November 12, and leave of absence for thirty days on the same date to Cap-tain Jacob F. Kent, Third Infantry.

CAPTAIN William G. Mitchell, acting assistant adju-tant-general, was ordered November 14 to proceed to Atchison Ka., and return, without delay, on business connected with the headquarters Department of the Mis-

The leave of absence for seven days granted Major C. L. Best, First Artillery, in orders from headquarters post of Madison Barracks, N. Y., was extended November 16 five days, with permission to go beyond the limits of the Department of the Lakes.

CAPTAIN E. W. H. Read, Eighth Infantry, was relieved November 15 from duty as a member of the General Court-martial convened at the Army Building, New York city, and Lieutenant-Colonel Henry D. Wallen, U. S. Army, unattached, is detailed in his place.

LEAVE of absence for ten days was granted First Lieutenant J. H. Counselman, First Artillery, Novem-ber 17, and the leave of absence granted First Lieuten-ant O. M. Mitchel, Fourth Artillery, and First Lieuten-C. P. Eakin, First Artillery, extended ten days.

CAPTAN James H. Gageby, Third Infantry, and two enlisted men of his company, were ordered November 15 to proceed without delay from Fort Lyon, C. T., to Fort Larned, Kansas, and return, for the purpose of procuring the property and baggage of Company D, Third Infantry, and shipping the same from the latter to the former post.

A BOARD of officers was appointed to meet at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., November 18, to inspect and report upon the condition and fitness of the buildings recently erected for subalterns and commanding officers' quarters at that post. Detail for the board: Major R. N. Batchelder, quartermaster U. S. Army; First Lieutenant R. M. Hall, First Artillery; First Lieutenant J. H. Coster, aide-de-camp.

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A GENERAL Court-martial was appointed to meet at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., November 16. Detail for the court: Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas H. Neill, U. S. Army, unattache; Captain George L. Tyler, U. S. Army, unattached; Captain Charles D. Viele, U. S. Army, unattached; First Lieutenant E. A. Belger, U. S. Army, unattached; First Lieutenant Edmund Rice, U. S. Army, unattached. First Lieutenant James Regan, U. S. Army, unattached, judge-advocate.

Army, unattached, judge-advocate.

A GENERAL Court-martial was appointed to meet at Fort Independence, Mass., November 17. Detail for the court: Major W. Hays, Fifth Artillery; Captain H. S. Gansevoort, Fifth Artillery; First Lieutenant D. H. Kinzie, Fifth Artillery; First Lieutenant John McClellan, Fifth Artillery; Second Lieutenant G. N. Whistler, Fifth Artillery; Second Lieutenant A. L. Morton, Fifth Artillery; Second Lieutenant A. L. Morton, Fifth Artillery; Second Lieutenant W. B. Weir, Fifth Artillery, Judge-advocate.

A GENERAL Court-martial was appointed to meet at Fort Trumbull, Conn., November 16. Detail for the court: Captain G. A. Kensel, Fifth Artillery; Captain F. L. Guenther, Fifth Artillery; First Lieutenant C. C. McConnell, Fifth Artillery; First Lieutenant S. M. Mills, Fifth Artillery; Second Lieutenant T. R. Adams, Fifth Artillery; Second Lieutenant O. H. Howard, Fifth Artillery; Second Lieutenant Eric Bergland, Fifth Artillery; First Lieutenant Frank Thorp, FifthArtillery, judge-advocate.

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A GENERAL Court-martial was appointed to meet at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., on Tuesday the 22d of November, 1870. Detail for the court: Captain Walter B. Pease, U. S. Army, unattached; Captain Isaac D'Isay, U. S. Army, unattached; First Lieutenant W. J. Cain, Third Cavalry; First Lieutenant G. W. Sheldon, Fourth Artillery; First Lieutenant E. C. Gaskill, U. S. Army, unattached; First Lieutenant E. S. Chapin, Fourth Artillery. First Lieutenant Edward Field, Fourth Artillery, judge-advocate.

A GENERAL Court-martial was appointed to insect at

tillery, judge-advocate.

A GENERAL Court-martial was appointed to meet at Fort Wayne, Michigan, November 25. Detail: Captain I. D. DeRussy, First Infantry; Captain Kinzie Bates, First Infantry; First Lieutenant William E. Dougherty, First Infantry; First Lieutenant R. G. Heiner, First Infantry; First Lieutenant A. Benson Brown, First Infantry; Second Lieutenant F. W. Liedtke, First Infantry; Second Lieutenant Charles A. Booth, First Infantry; Second Lieutenant J. Sumner Rogers, First Infantry. First Lieutenant Charles B. Hall, U. S. Army, indge-advocate.

judge-advocate.

The following-named officers were detailed November 15 as members of the General Court-martial appointed by paragraph 2 of Special Orders No. 112, current series, from the headquarters Department of Dakota: Captain A. P. Blunt, assistant quartermaster U. S. Army; First Lieutenant Constant Williams, Seventh Infantry; Second Lieutenant R. W. Cummins, Seventh Infantry; Second Lieutenant W. H. Nelson, Seventh Infantry, was at the same time relieved from duty as judge-advocate, and Second Lieutenant Wm. L. English, Seventh Infantry, relieved from duty as a member, and detailed as judge-advocate.

A GENERAL Court-martial was appointed to meet at

relieved from duty as a member, and detailed as judge-advocate.

A GENERAL Court-martial was appointed to meet at David's Island, New York harbor, November 15. Detail for the court: Lieutenant-Colonel John R. Edie, Eighth Infantry; Captain John N. Andrews, Eighth Infantry; First Lieutenant Gordon Winslow, Eighth Infantry; First Lieutenant Gordon Winslow, Eighth Infantry; First Lieutenant A. W. Corliss, Eighth Infantry; First Lieutenant J. W. Powell. Eighth Infantry; Second Lieutenant J. W. Powell. Eighth Infantry; Second Lieutenant W. H. McMinn, Eighth Infantry; Second Lieutenant R. S. Fletcher, Eighth Infantry, judge-advocate.

THE following officers were registered at headquarters Department of the East for the week ending November 29, 1870: Captain A. M. Randol, First Artillery; Major H. B. Judd, U. S. Army; Major John D. Wilkins, Eighth Infantry; Captain H. M. Lazelle, Eighth Infantry; Captain S. K. Colladay, Tenth Cavalry; Captain C. D. Mehaffy, First Infantry; Captain A. Barrett, military storekeeper, Quartermaster's De-

partment; Major C. L. Best, First Artillery; Major T. F. Rodenbough, U. S. Army; First Lieutenant John Leonard, First Infantry; Captain S. Munson, Ninth Infantry; Captain J. Powell, Sixth Infantry; Assistant Surgeou D. L. Huntington, U. S. Army; Assistant Surgeon H. E. Brown, U. S. Army; Major John V. Du Bois, Third Cavalry; Captain R. C. Duryea, First Artillery; Major G. A. Williams, Twentieth Infantry; Major H. G. Gibson, Third Artillery;

THIRD AUDITOR'S REPORT.

From the report of the Third Auditor, just submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, we learn that the number of requisitions drawn on the Secretary of the Treasury by the Secretaries of War and Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1870, is 3,773, amounting to \$91,-107,151 58. The tabular statement herewith exhibits in a condensed form the result of the labors of the force employed in the quartermaster's division: settled money accounts remaining on hand June 30, 1869, 151, involving.

•	Received during the year ending June 30, 1870, 248,	\$30,110,011 02
	involving	8,154,912 33
	Total, 399, involving.	38,264,929 35
	Adjusted and reported to the Second Comptrol- for revision, 305, involving	31,045,231 69
	Leaving on hand unsettled June 30, 1870, involv-	7,219,697 66
	Accounts adjusted during the year as above stated, 305, involving	31,045,231 69
	tlements made during the year, 1,052, involv-	16,282,543 91
	Making the aggregate number of money settle- ments during the year, 1,357, involving	
	Unsettled property returns on hand June 30, 1869 Property returns received during the year	
	Total number to be examined Property returns examined during the year	21,526 10,690
,	Leaving on hand unsettled June 30, 1870	
	Property returns settled during the year as above stat To which add the number of supplemental settlem property returns	ents of
ı	Making the aggregate number of property settlements	13,280
	Signal accounts remaining on hand June 30, 1869 involving	\$1,664 09
-	Total number of signal accounts, 6, involving	
	All of which have been adjusted.	
	Signal returns on hand June 30, 1869 Signal returns received during the year	
	Making a total number to be settled Total number settled	
	Leaving on hand unsettled June 30, 1870	34

amined was 102,436.

The number of claims received and docketed during the year in the horse claims division is 360, in which the aggregate amount claimed is \$62,903 36. The number settled and finally disposed of during the same period (including those received prior to as well as during the year) was 748, in which the aggregate amount claimed was \$194,553 43, and on which the aggregate amount allowed was \$67,891 20. There have been during the year \$,169 letters written, and 2,126 received and docketed. Three thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven claims have been examined and suspended, and 1,017 briefs made.

The number of pensioners on the rolls June 30, 1870, is as follows:

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Revolutionary, act February 2, 1848.

Revolutionary, act July 29, 1848.

Revolutionary, act February 3, 1855.

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	Invalids	,
	Widows and others 18,254,282 73	j
	Total 28,284,043 53	
	The accounts on file unsettled are divided as follows:	
	Accounts of 1868 60	
	Accounts of 1869 382	
d	Accounts of 1870 278	,
4	Total 700	١.

Pensions recorded, increased, changes made, including	
additional for children of \$2 per month	106,131
Pensions transferred	
Payments entered on roll-books	300,106
Pages of difference and miscellaneous copied Letters received and registered	3,080
Letters written	3,320

Bookkeepers' Division.—The number of requisitions drawn on the Secretary of the Treasury by the Secretaries of War and Interior for the first quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1871, is 542, amounting to \$17,558, 504.98

Quartermaster's Department	\$1,154,648	38
Incidental expenses	343,529	
Barracks and quarters	313,951	98
Army transportation	858,191	01
Officers' transportation	26,656	94
Cavalry and artillery horses	17,575	00
Purchase of stoves	105	90
Clothing of the Army	22,363	
National cemeteries	12,695	
Refunding expenses, etc., to the States	286,333	
Claims, act March 3, 1849	17,546	
Subsistence of the Army	429,248	
Pensions, widows and others		
Pensions, invalids		
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands	273,585	
Relief of destitute people in the District of Columbia.		
Signal service		
Pay of Washington and Oregon Volunteers, 1855-6	1,399	
Services of Washington and Oregon Volunteers, 1855-6	.8,254	
Relief of Mrs. M. A. Laurie, act for		
Relief of Mrs. M. Riddle, act for	2,000	
Relief of William Selden, act for	5,000	
Engineer Department	2,009,040	21
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Amount drawn from the Treasury to pay pensions during the free quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30,1871.

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STATIONS OF CAVALRY.

THE following are the stations of various companies of U. S. Cavalry, according to the reports received at the Adjutant-General's office, Washington, up to October 20: PIRST REGIMENT.

Headquarters, non-commissioned staff, and band, Beniois,

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Company A, Camp Bidwell, Cal.

B, "Warner, Oregon.
C and E, Camp MoDowell, A. T.
D, Fort Lapwai, I. T.
F and H, Camp Harney, Oregon.
G, Camp Bowie, A. T.
I, "Winfield Scott, Nev.
K, "Grant, A. T.
L and M, Camp Mogollon, A. T.

SECOND REGIMENT.

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Headquarters, non-commissioned staff, band, and Compaies C, E, K, and M, Omaha Barracks, Neb.

Company A, Fort Fred. Steele, W. T.

B, Camp Stambaugh, W. T.

D, Camp Douglas, U. T.

F and H, Fort Ellis, M. T.

G and L, Fort Shaw, M. T.

I, Fort Sanders, W. T. THIRD REGIMENT.

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B, Camp Date Creek, A. T.
C and L, Camp Hualpai, A. T.
D, Camp McDermit, Nev.
F, " Grant, A. T.
H, " Goodwin, A. T.
K, Camp Bowie, A. T.
M, Fort Whipple, A, T.

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FOURTH REGIMENT.

commissioned staff, band, and Company

Headquarters, non-commissioned staff, band, and Co
A, San Antonio, Texas.

Companies B, E, G, I, and M, Fort Concho, Texas.

C, Fort McIntosh, Texas.

D and F, Fort Griffin, Texas.

H, Fort Richardson, Texas.

K, Fort Brown, Texas.

L, Ringgold Barracks, Texas.

PIETH REGIMENT.

Headquarters, non-commissioned staff, band, and Companies F, G, H, I, L, and M, Fort McPherson, Neb.
Company A, Fort Laramic, W. T.
B, C, D, E, and K, Fort D. A. Russell, W. T.

SIXTH REGIMENT.

Headquarters, non-commissioned staff, band, and Compa-les A, C, D, E, G, H, K, L, and M, Fort Richardson, Texas. Companies B, F, and I, Fort Griffin, Texas. SEVENTH REGIMENT.

Headquarters, non-commissioned staff, band, and Companies B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, and M, Fort Leavenworth, Kansss.

Company A, Fort Scott, Kansas.

EIGHTH REGIMENT.

Headquarters, non-commissioned staff, band, and Compapanies D, H, and L, Fort Union, N. M.
Company A, Fort Craig, N. M.
B, Fort Stanton, N. M.
C, Fort Bayard, N. M.
E and K, Fort Wingate, N. M.
G and I, Fort Selden, N. M.
M, Fort Garland, C. T.

NINTH REGIMENT

Headquarters. non-commissioned staff, band, and Companies B, C, and K, Fort Davis, Texas.

Companies A and D, Fort Stockton, Texas.

E and G, Fort Clark, Texas.

F and M, Fort McKavett, Texas.

H and I, Fort Quitman, Texas.

L, Fort Duncan, Texas.

TENTH REGIMENT.

Headquarters, non commissioned staff, band, and Companies B, C, D, E, L, and M, Fort Sill, I.T.
Companies A, F, H, I and K, Camp Supply, I. T.

CHANGES OF STATIONS

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THE following is a list of the changes of stations of troops reported at the War Department since last report:

Company C, Fifth Cavalry, arrived at Fort Sedgwick, C. T., from Pine Bluff, W. T., October 7.

Company D, Twenty-second Infantry, from Whetstone Agency, D. T., to Fort Sully, D. T., November 7. Ordered.

Company H, Twenty-second Infantry, from Fort Sully, D. T., to Whetstone Agency, D. T., November 7. Ordered.

No change in headquarters or companies of artillery reported since November 15.

THE NAVY.

The Editor invites for this department of the JOURNAL all facts of interest to the Navy, especially such as relate to the movements of officers or vessels.

VARIOUS NAVAL MATTERS.

THE United States sloop of war *Portsmouth*, fifteen guns, Alexander A. Semmes, was at Bahia, October 30.

VICE-ADMIRAL Rowan paid an official visit recently to Rear-Admiral Smith, commanding the Brooklyn Navyyard, and was received with a salute of fifteen guns from the battery on the cob dock. Nearly all the officers attached to the station paid their respects to him.

A BOARD of naval officers has been in session for some time past at Anapolis for the final examination of mid-

A BOARD of naval officers has been in session for some time past at Annapolis, for the final examination of midshipmen of the class of 1869, who had made the practice cruise in the United States ship Sabine. Out of forty who were examined, nearly one-half—or nineteen—were found deficient, and these rejected ones will have to resume their studies at the Naval Academy.

THE Guard, Commander E. P. Lull, recently arrived from the Fishing Banks, is now being repaired at the Brooklyn yard with as much expedition as possible, in order that she may be ready to sail on the Darien exploring expedition by the 1st of December. She is being recalked above the water line, and is to be thoroughly repainted inside and out before she leaves. An entire new suit of sails is being made for her.

THE Navy Department has received a telegram from A. G. Clary, Captain and senior officer, dated Key West, November 16, stating that Mortimer Kellogg, chief engineer U. S. Navy, was killed in a fracas on shore by Dr. King, who was arrested by the civil authorities. The deceased was a native of New York State, and entered the naval service February 16, 1852. He was appointed chief engineer November 8, 1861.

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chief engineer November 8, 1861.

"WILLIAM ORR, 142 Orchard street, New York," writes to the New Yerk Sun a description of a naval medal which is waiting for an owner. He says: "Being in a Southern city a few years ago, I found a bronze medal enclosed in a case, with the following inscription engraved on the back of the medal: 'Personal valor, Daniel Butterfield, Quartermaster, U. S. S. Lackawanna, Mobile Bay, Ang. 5, 1864.' Now this medal is not of any use to me, so I am perfectly willing to give it up to the owner, if I can find him."

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can find him."

The United States ship Delaware which arrived in New York Saturday November 19, from a three years' cruise on the Asiatic squadron, will probably go out of commission, and the officers granted leave of absence, and the men discharged. The Delaware has been in the East Indian squadron for three years, and brings home Vice-Admiral Rowan, who has been relieved from the command of that squadron. The Tennessee, now fitting out at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, will sail in a few days for the Pacific.

THE trial of naval paymasters is still progressing be-fore the court-martial at the Washington Navy-yard

The case of Paymaster Marcy has been concluded by the court, and the case of Paymaster C. H. Lockwood has been taken up. The Government closed its evidence on Tuesday, when a plea of insanity of the accused was put in by Mr. E. M. Stanton, counsel for Lockwood. The finding of the court and action of the Secretary of the Navy thereon will not be promulgated in any one of these cases until all have been disposed of.

THE New York Evening Mail has an item headed a "Brilliant Naval Wedding," in which we have a glowing description of the services attending the marriage in St. Thomas' Church, Fifth avenue, November 17, of Master E. N. Bridge, U. S. Navy; first bridesmaid, Miss Minnie Kissam, with Master John Hawley, U. S. Navy, acting as first groomsman; second, Miss Julia Bridge, with Master J. T. Sullivan, U. S. Navy, and third, Miss Nina Bartlett, with Master J. P. Merrill, U. S. Navy. The groom and groomsmen "were dressed," we are told, "in full naval uniform and presented an unusually fine appearance."

A LETTER from Rio Janeiro, dated October 25, states that previous to that date for nearly a month there had been no vessel of the American naval service in that harbor. At that time the sailing sloop-of-war Portsmouth, Commander Semmes, was there. She arrived from Santa Catarina, where she had been lying a number of weeks, the small-pox having broken out on board. Not many, however, were sick, and only two had the disease in a severe form. All the afflicted were removed from the ship until they had entirely recovered, and when she came into Rio no vestige of the disease remained. Commander Semmes remained there a week, and then sailed for Pernambuco and Bahia, and expected to be back there early in November. The Lancaster, the flagship of Admiral Lanman, commanding the United States South Atlantic Squadron, was at Rio during most of the month of August. Admiral Lanman gave two or three entertainments while the Lancaster was in port. The Lancaster sailed late in August for Montevideo, where she has since remained, Admiral Lanman deeming it best to remain there on account of the disturbances on shore between the Blancos and the Celorados. The U.S. naval steamer Wasp is at Montevideo.

Celorados. The U. S. naval steamer Wasp is at Montevideo.

FROM the Mare Island Navy-yard we learn (November 10) that the Pensacola has not yet been docked, though the repairs upon the dry dock have been completed for some time, and the dock transferred to the Naval Constructor. Her repairs promise to hold out like the widow's cruse of oil. The Ossipee has about completed her repairs, which the late gale she encountered in the Gulf of California rendered necessary, and is taking in her stores and coal, preparatory to her going south as Commodore McDougall's flag-ship. The tug Monterey has been hauled up on the ways near the ferry, and is to be lengthened and otherwise improved. It is expected she will attain the speed of two knots! The repairs on the Lackawana are slowly but steadily progressing. Nothing is being done to the Dacotah or Kearsarge. Captain Hughes has recently reported for duty as navigator, and has moved with his family into the house formerly occupied by his predecessor, Commander T. L. Phelps, who has moved on board the flag-ship Independence, to the command of which he has been ordered. The pneumatic gas has proved so much a failure at the Mare Island Navy-yard that the board of officers comprising every one resident on the island using it, have almost unanimously reported against it. Nevertheless the Pacific Pneumatic Gas Company has issued a pamphlet in which they say they are "producing" on Mare Island "excellent gas at an extra low figure." The figures may be low but the gas is lower. The new hospital has not been furnished yet, and is therefore not occupied. The sick are still cared for at the sick quarters by Doctor Taylor. Several foremen have lately been discharged, and others more acceptable to those that regulate their appointment have taken their places. Mrs. Farragut is at the Frisbie House, South Vallejo, opposite the Mare Island Navy-yard. A new theatre has been fitted up in one of the buildings at the Mare Island Navy-yard, and all the scenery, etc., removed from the marine barr

THE following is the report of exercises with sail during the third quarter of 1870 of the U.S. steamer Nyack, fourth rate:

Nyack, fourth rate:

Loosing and Furling.—August 9—Loosing, 1 m. 30 s.; furling, 1 m. 10 s.

Making and Shortening.—August 25—Making, 1 m. 10 s.; shortening, 1 m. 40 s.

Reefing and Hoisting.—August 30—8m. 5 s.

Loosing and Furling.—August 31—Loosing, 1 m. 10 s.; furling, 1 m. 40 s. September 1—Loosing, 1 m.; furling, 1 m. September 3—Loosing, 1 m.; furling, 2 m. 10 s. September 5—Loosing, 1 m. 55 s.; furling, 2 m.

Making and Shortening.—September 12—Making, 1 m. 10 s.; loosing, 30 s.

Reefing and Hoisting.—September 13—Reefing, 2 m. 45 s.

Loosing and Furling.—September 15—Loosing, 1 m. 10 s.; furling, 1 m. 30 s. September 26—Loosing 1 m.; furling 1 m. 30.

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The above times were taken from the order "Stand by to lay aloft," and when the last man was on deck from the order "Lay down," excepting in the case of reefing, when the times were taken from "Lay aloft" to "Hoist away." Respectfully, CHAS. H. CRAVEN,

Lieutenant-Commander and Executive Officer.

Approved and forwarded:

T. H. EASTMAN, Lieutenant-Commander.

NAVY GAZETTE.

REGULAR NAVAL SERVICE.

ORDERED. Assistant Engineer Warren B. Bayley, to November 16.—Second Assistant Engineer Warren B. Bayley, to the Saugus at Key West, Fla.

Acting Gunner Cecil C. Neil, to temporary ordnance duty at the Navy-yard, New York.

November 17.—Surgeon Newton L. Bates, to the Paunce at Norfolk, Va.

November 18.—Second Assistant Engineer John A. Scot, to examination for promotion.

November 21.—Master F. W. Greenleaf, Gunner Charles Stuart, Carpenter John L. Davis, and Sailmaker A. W. Cassell, to the

DETACHED.

NOVEMBER 16.—Lieutenant Wm. P. Randall, from the command of the Mayflower, and wait orders.
Master Wm. D. Nicholson, from the Onward, and wait orders.
Master J. O. Allibone, from the Kansas, and ordered to return to New York.
Midshipman Frank C. Birney from

Midshipman Frank C. Birney, from the Franklin, and granted sick leave. Second Assistant Engineer J. H. Harmony, from the Saugus, and return home and wait orders.

November 17.—Lieutenant Joseph Marthon, from the Suranac and wait orders.

Master E. W. Sturdy, from the Onward, and wait orders.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wm. S. Fort, from temporary duty at the Navy-yard, New York, and ordered to the receiving ship at Philadelphia.

November 18.—Sallmaker George W. Giel from the Navel State.

Passed Assistant Saving and ordered to the receiving the Navy-yard, New York, and ordered to the receiving Philadelphia.

November 18.—Sailmaker George W. Giet, from the Naval Station at Lengue Island, Pa., and wait orders.

November 19.—Master Theodore M. Etting, from the Nippic, and ordered to ordinance duty at the Navy-yard, Philadelphia.

Carpenter Joseph E. Miller, from the Navy-yard, New York, and waiting orders.

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November 21.—Vice-Admiral Stephen C. Rowan, from the command of the Asiatic Fleet, and wait orders.

Lieutemant-Commander De Witt C. Kells, from the receiving hip Vermont, and ordered to the Paunes, and upon her arrival at Key West, Fla., to command that vessel.

First Assistant Engineer Joseph B. Upham, from the Naval Academy, and permission to report for duty at the Navy-yard, Portsmouth, N. H.

Boatswain Herman Peters, from the Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va., and ordered to the Paunes.

ORDERS REVOKED.

NOVEMBER 17.—The orders of Master C. H. Arnold to the Nan-

APPOINTED.

NOVEMBER 19.—George S. Haskins a sailmaker in the Navy.

LIST OF DEATHS

In the Navy of the United States, which have been reported to the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for the week ending November 19, 1870:

Hendrick Dytelhof, ordinary seaman, September 27, U. S. teamer Shenandoah.

CHANGES IN THE MARINE CORPS.

THE following are the changes in the officers of the Marine Corps ince last memoranda, viz.:

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Second Licutenant Fred. P. Ela.—On November 12, 1870, detached from Portsmouth, N. H., and ordered to Boston, Mass.

Captain H. B. Lowry.—On November 17, 1870, detached from Brooklyn, N. Y., and ordered to Philadelphia, Pa.
On November 18, 1870, the following-named sfficers were detached from Brooklyn, N. Y., and ordered to their respective stations, viz. Captain W. H. Parker, to Philadelphia, Pa.; First Lieutenant L. P. French, to the U. S. receiving ship Ohio; Fiirst Lieutenant Frank D. Webster, to Portsmouth, N. H.; Second Lieutenant W. Kilty McSherry, to Annapolis, Md.; Second Lieutenanta Benjamin R. Bussell and Edw. McCauley, to Marine Barracks, Washington, O. C.; and Second Lieutenant S. W. Quackenbush, to Norfolk, Va. First Lieutenant Wm. Wallace.—On November 19, 1870, detached from Boston, Mass, and ordered to the U. S. steamer Guerriere, vice First Lieutenant E. C. Saltmarsh, detached.

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First Lieutenant E. C. Saltmarsh, detached from the U. S. steamer Guerriere, and ordered to Brooklyn, N. Y., to await instructions from the Navy Department.

LETTERS IN THE NEW YORK POST-OFFICE.

THE following is a list of letters remaining in the New York Postoffice on the dates given. These letters are retained in the New
York Office for one month from date, after which they are sent to
the Dead-Letter Office, Washington:

ARMY. NOVEMBER 18.

Barber, D. P., Captain. Brown, Captain. Dakin, T. S., General. Danforth, J., Colonel. Davis, W. G., Major-General. Morris, W. H., General. Park, W. A., Captain.

Perry, R. C., Colonel. Pickett, G. E., General. Snevily, J., Major-2. Taber, W. C., Captain. Thompson, C. G., Colon Webb, Ezra, Colonel. Woodward, G., Colonel

NOVEMBER 22.

Caulburn, C., General. Daniels, Major. Hovey, J. G., Captain. Hulburt, J. H. S., Colonel.

Jones, G. F., Captain. Menk, Wm., Colonel. Penny, A. E., Captain. Smith, J. H., Captain.

THE European War Register, issued in December, 1869, showed that Russia has 77,000,000 people, a stand-1869, showed that Russia has 77,000,000 people, a standing army of 1,466,000 men of all arms, and 44 ships of war with 2,778 guns; Turkey has in European Turkey 16,500,000 people; in Asia 16,000,000 and 9,000,000 in Africa. This includes the Khedive in Egypt, who has a good army of 50,000, mostly officered by Americans. She has a force in European Turkey of 222,192 regulars; 100,000 regulars in the provinces, and 90,000 regulars in reserve. It is claimed by reports from Egypt that she has 600,000 men, but this is doubtful. She may have has 600,000 men, but this is doubtful. She may have added enough to her ranks in the past year to give her 450,000. She has 185 ships with 2,370 guns. Great Britain has 30,300,000 people in England, Scotland, and Ireland. Her army numbers 138,961 regulars, 128,580 regularly organized militia, 14,000 organized cavalry volunteers, and 163,000 volunteer militis held in reserve. She has 466 ships. Italy has 24,000,000 people, 376,721 regular troops, 197,000 reserved regulars, 99 ships of war, with 1,052 guns. Austria has 35,500,000 people; 800,000 regulars, 53,000 garrison troops, and 200,000 militia regularly organized. Also 61 ships, with 605 guns.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ts are informed that columns, to receive prompt attention, should invariably be ad to THE EDITOR of the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, BOX 3.201. New York.

A SOLDIER'S DREAM.

WE had marched hard all that weary day,
And camped at night by a little stream,
Where all night long on our arms we lay,
To watch and rest, or to sleep and dream;
To dream of the loved ones far away,
Or hear in the wind the shell's wild scream.

I lay on the ground beneath a tree
That night—my limbs were weary and coldAnd dreamed; in my dream all seemed to be
At peace, and myself grown lame and old;
While a bright-eyed boy sat on my knee,
Coaxing of the war times to be told.

His bright eyes filled with pitying tears,
His troubled brow showed deeply the pain
He felt for the patriots of those years,
When he heard of the wounded and slain:
But shouted for joy when told of their cheers
That greeted triumphant peace again.

More there was of my vision, much more; And much more, indeed, there "might have And much
been,"
For peaceful memory was free to soar
In realms far away from war and sin;
But a voice now, only half heard before,
Was repeating, "Third relief—fall in."
SELDEN ALLAN DAY.

THE MONITOR RAFT

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To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal.

Sir: I notice in your last issue a letter from Captain S. B. Luce, of the U. S. steamer Juniata, referring to the "Monitor raft," and suggesting its utility on a small scale as a life-buoy to be constantly kept ready at the quarter of the ship. I think highly of his suggestion, and I suggest whether, for this particular purpose, two metal cones or cylinders, or two wooden eigar-shaped machines filled with cork, would not be more appropriate than india-rubber inflated floats, which are more subject to accidents than some other materials. Whatever lifebuoy shall be adopted, it is very important to have attached to it a few fathoms of line and a drag to prevent its drifting too fast away from a man overboard. It often occurs that when a man goes over he is encumbered with a heavy jacket, and before he can get this off, even when the buoy is seen, it will be carried to leeward by wind and sea faster than most men can swim. A drag will be an important auxiliary for the saving of life, and when it becomes necessary to row the life-buoy, it can easily be taken in.

R. B. FORBES.

FOURTEENTH INFANTRY.

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SIR: The military station at this place was established in June last by two companies of the Fourteenth Infantry, commanded by Captain Guido Ilges, Fourteenth Infantry, and a very pretty post commenced; but just as they got under good headway they were relieved by Company I, Twenty-second Infantry, on August 17, 1870, and they have nearly completed a one-company post, which looks very pretty, and will when done be one of the nicest posts on the river. It will be entirely completed by December 1, 1870.

The post is situated on the east bank of the Missouri river, and is about 275 miles from Sioux City, Iowa, and 200 from the capital, Yankton. The agent of the Brulés and Yanktonias resides here. The Yanktonia Indians live about here, and are very quiet and peaceable. One of their most famous chiefs, "The Bone Necklace," died only a few days since. The Brulés live some eight miles below here on the opposite side of the river. There is also a military station there, garrisoned by Company K, Twenty-second Infantry. The officers at the lower Brulé are: Captain George W. Hill, Twenty-second Infantry, commanding post; First Lieutenant Martin E. Hogan, with company; Second Lieutenant C. C. Cusick, acting assistant quartermaster, acting commissary of subsistence, and post adjutant; J. C. Byrnes, acting assistant surgeon, U. S. Army, in charge of hospital. The officers stationed here are: Captain Francis Clark, Twenty-second Infantry, commanding post; First Lieutenant Mott Hooton, Twenty-second Infantry, with company; Second Lieutenant O. M. Smith, Twenty-second Infantry, post adjutant, acting assistant quartermaster, and acting commissary of subsistence; H. F. Livingston, acting assistant surgeon, in charge of hospital. Both garrisons are full, and the troops are generally healthy. Crow Creek.

Crow Creek Agency, D. T., November 10, 1870.

A NAVAL BASE-BALL MATCH.

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To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal.

Sin: I send you the score of a base-ball match which was played at this place on October 31 between the Seminole club of Key West and a Navy nine, composed of officers from the Kansas and Mayflower (of the Tehuantepec expedition), and from the flag-ship Congress, which latter vessel is "established" here.

The Key West club being short of the services of two of their first nine, did not prosper as well as they expected.

The entire game was played in the midst of a heavy rain storm, but the Naval base-ball players, being accustomed to water, treated the matter with perfect indifference. The

impartial decisions of the umpire, Paymaster George L. Mead of the *Dictator*, gave universal satisfaction. The wing is the score

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	Ludlow, s. s 1	7	Whitehurst, p 2	1
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KEY WEST, FLA., November 9, 1870.

THE NUN OF BLOIS, AND OTHER PROPHETS.

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THE NUN OF BLOIS, AND OTHER PROPHETS.

(From the Loadon Spectator.)

WE mentioned in a short note of last week the prophecy of the Nun of Blois, said to have been given in 1808, in relation, or supposed to be in relation, to the great troubles now taking place in France. At that time, we confess, we had our doubts whether the nun's prophecy had not been written down since the war broke out and assumed its present dimensions; but we have since read it in a little collection of prophecies, of which the third edition now before us* was published ten years ago, in 1860, so that whatever approach the good nun's prophecy may make to the event, must go, we suppose, to the credit of her prophetic powers. First of all, we ought to state that as far as we can see in the extract given from her prophecy in this pamphlet, there is no date assigned to the year of fulfilment at all. There are certain local events, mentioned in connection with the first part of her prophecy, which the editor states really took place in Blois in 1848, and which convinced the good people of Blois that she was a true prophet, and that much greater troubles, the "grands malheurs" par excellence, which she predicted for some future time (apparently not dated), would really take place.

However this may be—and it is a point worth notice that prophecies very rarely indeed date themselves by the year, preferring usually to assign notes of time referring to phenomena, like those of the seasons, for instance, visible to the eye, as if they spoke from vision—the Nun of Blois goes on to assign as the time of year when the "great calamities" are to overtake France, an ecclesiastical occasion which her editor (who published his comment, as we said, ten years ago) declares to mean after the first fortnight of July (après la première quinzaine de Juillet). In point of fact, war was declared on the 15th July. She then goes on to assert that "the death of a great personage will be concealed for three days," a prediction which has, we imagine, hithert of alled a anxiety. The nun goes on to say how terrible the calamities of France will be. "Nevertheless," she says, "they will not extend to the whole of France, but only to some great cities, and, most of all, to the capital, where there will be a terrible conflict, and the massacre will be great." The "great calamities" have certainly extended far beyond the great cities already. "Blois will not have any of it. The priests and the religious women will be in a great fright. The bishop will absent himself and go to a château. Some priests will hide themselves. The churches will be shut, but for so short a time that one will hardly be aware of it; indeed, this will only have reference to a period of twenty-four hours." "You yourselves," she says to the nuns of the Ursuline convent, "will be on the point of going away, but the first who shall put her foot on the threshold will say, 'Let us go in again,' and you will go in. There will be great need of prayer, for the wicked would wish to destroy everything, but they will not have time. They will all perish in the great fight. Many good will perish also, for they will make all the men go out to the fight, and only the old men will remain." The call for all the male population able to bear arms has already been made. The nun adds that "the last [those summoned last] will not go far; they will not go more than three days' march "from Blois—say, to the army of the Loire, now encamped somewhere between Bourges and Blois. "The time will be short. It will be the women who will prepare the vintage, and the men will return in time to finish it, because all will be over." It must be admitted the good nun seems to have been very wide of the mark here, unless, indeed, Paris falls, and the army of the Loire is again defeated, and peace is made within the next week or so, in which case all may be over almost as soon as she predicted. "During all this time the true news will not be known except by private letters. At last three couriers will come. The first will announce that all is lost. first will announce that all is lost. The second, who will arrive in the night, will only meet one man in the streets, who, as he leans against his door, will look at him and say, 'You are hot, my friend; dismount, and take a glass of wine;' to which the other will reply, 'I amin too great a hurry,' and will explain that another courier ought soon to arrive and bring good news. Then he will continue his route toward the Berry." The Berry is the dis-

* "L'Avenir: Révélations sur l'Eglise et la Révolution. 3me dition. considerablement augmentée. Bruxelles: H. Goemaere.

trict of France in which Bourges lies; in other words, this courier is supposed to be going toward the head-quarters of the present Loire army. "You will be praying toward six in the morning, when you will hear it said that two couriers have passed, and then there will arrive the third, fire and water, who will be due at Tours at 7 o'clock, and who will bring the good news (et alors arrivers le troisième, feu et eau, qui devra être à Tours à sept heures, et qui apportera la bonne nouvelle)." "Note," says the editor of 1860, "that the courier fire and water, i. e., the railway, is thus announced long before any one dreamt of it in France" (the prophecy, as we have said, is ascribed to the year 1808). The curious point here is the reference to Tours (where the French government is now established) as the end of this railway-courier's journey—who is to arrive at Blois at six in the morning, and be due at Tours at seven—the distance being about thirty-five miles or an hour's express journey. "Then a Te Deum will be sung—yes, indeed, a Te Deum, but such a Te Deum as has never before been sung. But it won't be he who is expected who will reign, i. e., who will reign at first; it will be the Saviour granted to France on whom France did not count. The Prince will not be there. They will go and fetch him. Nevertheless, quiet will reappear, and from the moment when the Prince remounts the throne, France will enjoy a perfect peace, and will be more flourishing and more tranquil than ever for about twenty years."

Such is the drift of this curious little bit of prophecy, which seems, like most of the few prophecies of all time which can be said to have gone at all near the mark, rather to have come within the white circle than to have hit the bull's-eye.

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Another prophecy quoted in the same pamphlet (of date 1860) prophesies, along with much that seems highly improbable, the loss of his empire by Napoleon, and the destruction of Paris. "The Pope," it is said, "shall be at that time driven out of Rome and he shall be restored by Napoleon. The latter will be Emperor, but his empire shall not be long, for when he shall commence afflicting the Pope and the children of Judah, then God shall send arrows of fire against him and his. But before all there will be a war of the French and English against the Russians to defend the empire of the Turks; nevertheless, the Russians will lose the first war, but there will be a second war in which the Russians will take Constantinople and the Austrians Jerusalem. Then the Russians will encamp in Piedmont, and King Victor Emanuel will have lost the kingdom and will be a Russian general. Some sovereigns (des souverains) invade France, Emanuel will have lost the kingdom and will be a Russian general. Some sovereigns (dessouverains) invade France, which is desolated by civil war, but they will not get to Paris till it is already destroyed by fire. Before that there will be in Paris famine, pestilence, and civil war. Then Henry V. will be King of France, and he will leave the isle of captivity. After that England will turn Catholic, and also two sovereigns of Germany." Here is an odd enough medley of fiction, or at least violent improbability and of actual fact, the violent improbabilities seeming to be spoken of as of about the same date as the facts.

FREE RUSSIA.

HEPWORTH DIXON in his recently published work, Free Russia," thus describes the transformation the Empire of the Czar has undergone since the days of the Crimean War and the death of Nicholas:

An army is in every state, whether bond or free, a thing of privilege and tradition; and in giving a new spirit to his government, it is essential that the Emperor should bring his army into some closer relation to the country he is making free.

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The first thing is to raise the profession of arms to a higher grade, by giving to every soldier in the ranks the old privilege of a prince and boyar—his immunity from blows and stripes. A soldier cannot now be flogged. Before the present reign, the army was in theory an open school of merit, and occasionally a man like General Skobeleff rose from the rank of peasant to the highest posts. But Skobeleff was a man of genius—a good writer, as well as a splendid soldier; and his nomination as commander of St. Petersburg took no one by surprise. Such cases of advancement are extremely rare; rare as in the Austrian service, and in our own. But the reforms now introduced into the army are making this opening for talent wide enough to give every one a chance. The soldiers are better taught, better clothed, and better lodged. In distant provinces they are not yet equal to the show-troops seen on a summer day at Tsarskoe Seloe, but they are lodged and treated, even in these far-off stations, with a care to which aforetime they were never but they are lodged and treated, even in these far-off stations, with a care to which aforetime they were never used. Every man has a pair of strong boots, a good overcoat, a bashlik for his head. His rations are much improved; good beef is weighed to him; and he is not compelled to fast. The brutal punishment of running the rank has been runt down.

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Under Nicholas the soldiers were so dressed and drilled that they were always falling sick. A third of the army was in hospital the whole year round, and little more than half the men could ever be returned as fit to march. Being badly clothed and poorly fed, they flew to drink. They died in heaps, and more like sheep than men.

The case is different now, for the soldier is better clothed and fed than persons of his class in ordinary life. The men are allowed to stand and walk in their natural way; and, having more bread to eat, they show less craving after drink. A school is opened in every barrack, and pressure is put on the men to make them learn. Many of the soldiers can read, and some can write. Gazettes and papers are taken in, libraries are being formed, and the Russian army promises to become as bright as that of Germany or France. The change is great; and every one finds the root of this reform in that abolition of the Tartar stick, which comes, like other great reforms, from the Crimean war.

The Crimean war restored the people to their national life. "Sebastopol!" said a general officer to me just now, "Sebastopol perished that our country might be free." The Tartar kingdom, founded by Ivan the Terrible, reformed by Peter the Great, existed in the spirit,

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even where it clothed itself in Western names and forms, until the allies landed from their transports. Routed on the Alma, beaten at Balaklava, that kingdom made her final effort on the heights of Inkermann, hurling, in Tartar force and fashion, her last "great horde" across that Baidar valley, in the rocks and caves of which aremnant of the tribes of Batu Khan and Timour Beg still lingers; fighting in mist and fog, on wooded slope and steny ridge, her gallant and despairing fight. What followed Inkermann was detail only. Met and foiled that wintry day, she reeled and bled to death. A grave was made for her, as one may say, not far from the spot on which she fought and fell. Before the landing-place in Sebastopol sprang the walls and frowned the guns of an imperial fort—the strongest pile in Russia, perhaps in Europe; rising tier on tier, and armed with two hundred and sixty guns: a fort in the fire of which no ship then floating on the sea could live. It bore the builder's name—the name of Nicholas, Autocrat of all the Russias; a colossal sovereign, who for thirty years had awed and stifled men like Genghis Khan. That fort became a ruin. The guns were torn to rags, the walls were shivered into dust. No stone was left in its place to tell the tale of its former pride; and it is even now an easier task to trace the outlines of Kherson, dead for five hundred years, than to restore, from what remains of them, the features of that proud, imperial fort. The prince, the fortress, and the kingdom fell, their work on earth accomplished to the final act. This ruin is their grave.

Asiatic Russia passed away, and European Russia

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In spite of genius, valor, enterprise, success, an army
fighting for itself, unwarmed by popular applause, is
sure in the end to fail. The discovery that he and his
troops were fighting against the world of free thought
and liberal science killed Nicholas. When the blow was
dealt, and his pride was gone, he is said to have confided
to his son Alexander the causes of his failure as he had
come to see them, and to have urged the prince to pursue
another and more liberal course. Who can say whether
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Yet every man can see that the new sovereign acted as if some such warning had been given. He began his reign with acts of mercy. Hundreds of prison doors were opened, thousands of exiles were released from bonds. An honorable peace was made with the Westernpowers, and the dream of marching on Stamboul was brushed aside. An empire of seventy millions was found big enough to hold her own. Alexander proved that he had none of the Tartar's lust of territory by giving uppart of Bessarabia for the sake of peace.

Studying the men over whom he was called to rule, the Emperor went down among his people; living on their river banks and in their rural communes; passing from the Arctic to the Caspian Sea, from the Vistula to the Ural mines; kneeling with them at Sc. ovetsk and Troites; parleying with them on the roadside and by the mine; until he felt that he had seen more of the Russian soil, knew more of the Russian people, than any of the soil, knew more of the Russian people, than any of the

soil, knew more of the Russian people, than any of the ministers about his court.

In the light of knowledge thus carefully acquired, he opened the great question of the serfs; and, feeling strong in his minute acquaintance with his country, had the happy courage to insist on his principle of "liberty with land," against the views of his councils and committees in favor of "liberty without land."

Before that act was carried out in every part, he began his great reform in the army. He put down flogging, beating, and striking in the ranks. He opened schools in the camp, cleared the avenues of promotion, and raised the soldier's condition on the moral not less than on the material side.

more and more cast for the policy that gives him peace. In one direction only he looks with dread—across that opening of the Eastern Steppe through which he has seen so many hordes of his enemies swarm into his towns and fields. Through that opening he has pushed—is now pushing—and will push his way, until Khiva and Bokhara fall into his power.

Why should we English regret his march, repine at his success? Is he not fighting, for all the world, a battle of law, of order, and of civilization? Would not Russia at Bokhara mean the English at Bokhara also? Would not roads be made, and stations built, and passes guarded through the steppe for traders and travellers of every race? Could any other people undertake this task? Why then should we cry down the Muscovite? Even in our selfish interests, it would be well for us to have a civilized neighbor on our frontier rather than a savage tribe; a neighbor bound by law and courtesy, instead of a savage khan who murders our envoy and rejects our trade!

Russia requires a hundred years of peace; but she will

trade!
Russia requires a hundred years of peace; but she will
not find that peace until she has closed the passage of
her Eastern Steppe by planting the banner of St. George
on the Tower of Timour Beg.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE ABYSSINIA

(From the London Spectator.

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THE Abyssinia, breastwork monitor, 1,849 tons, 200 horse power of engines, carrying two double-gun turrets, and driven by twin screws, built for the defence of Bombay, to order of the Secretary of State for India, by Messrs. J. and W. Dudgeon, of Millwall, under admiralty supervision, was put through her final trial of machinery and speed on Tuesday over the measured mile off the Maplin Sands, previous to her sailing for Bombay.

The ship's draught of water was 13 ft. 7 in. forward and 14 ft. 8 in. aft, giving a mean draught of 14 ft. 1½ in. At her load line the ship will float at 15 ft. forward and aft, with the main deck having a freeboard of 3 ft. A strong wind prevailed off the sands during the time the ship was being tried, and a lumpy sea was running, but the results were considered very satisfactory by all the officials on board, the ship under full boiler power, without being pressed in any way or the power of her engines brought out to their full extent, averaging as a mean of six runs made over the measured mile 9-600 knots per hour. Under half boiler power she realized a mean speed of 7:827 knots. The mean revolutions of the engines at full boiler power were 117-5 per minute. In trying the ship over circles after the speed trials had been concluded, a half circle was made to port in 2 min. 12 sec., and the full circle in 4 min. 52 sec. To starboard the half circle was made in 2 min. 10 sec., and the full circle in 4 min. 52 sec. To starboard the half circle was made in 2 min. 10 sec., and the full circle in 4 min. 50 sec. To starboard the hurricane deck, the results obtained were equally satisfactory with others, connected with their power and speed, each pair to port and starboard stopping dead in 15 sec., starting astern to full speed from rest in 5 sec. and 6 sec. respectively, and changing from full speed astern to full speed ahead in 4 sec. and 6 sec. respectively. The engines were constructed by the builders of the ship, and consist of

mittees in favor of "liberty without load."

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The universities were then reformed in a pacific senses. Swords were put down, uniforms laid saide, and corporate privileges withdrawn. Education was divorced from its connection with the camp. Lay professors occupied the chairs, and the young men attending feetures stood on the same bevel with their fellows, subject to the same magistrate, amenable to the common code. The schools became free, and students ceased to be amounted to the common code. The schools became free, and students ceased to be a many strated, and such as the common code. The schools became free, and students ceased to be amounted to the common code. The schools became free, and students ceased to be an impact that immense reform in the administration of justice which transferred the trial of offenders from the police office to the courts of law replacing an always arbitrary and often corrupted official by an impartial jury, acting in union with an educated judge.

At the same period he opened those local parliaments, the district assemblies and the provincial assemblies, which are training men to think and speak, to listen and decide—to believe in argument, to respect opposing view, and exercise the virtues required in public life.

In the wake of these reforms came the still more delicated quostion of Church reform; including the relations of the Black clergy to the white; of the Orthodox clergy to the winder of the contract of the controller of the Navy to take the Magidales are both law and beneficent rules they are all proveding and beneficent

and Magdala, carries the same weight of armament, and even stows a larger quantity of ammunition than the others. The length of the Abyssinia between the perpendiculars is 225 feet, with an extreme breadth of 42 feet at the top of the freeboard, or covering in of the hull proper; the depth from this covering to the keelson being 12 ft. 2 in. This hull has a double bottom through its greater extent, divided into 44 water-tight compartments, which are again divided by nine water-tight bulk-heads. Where the double bottom is not extended into the extreme ends at the bows and the stern, water-tight iron decks are introduced. The covering-in deck is composed of 1½ in. iron plating, riveted up in the usual manner on the rolled iron beams of the ship's frame, and over that 4 in. teak planking.

The armor-plating round the hull consists of an upper and a lower strake, the upper being 7 inches in thickness and the lower strake 6 inches. Upon this deck is built the upper or breastwork deck, which encloses within its elliptical walls of armor-plating the two turrets, conning tower, funnel, and engine-room, hatchways, steering wheel, etc. The height of this breastwork deck from the main or covering-in deck is 4 feet 2 inches. The tops of the turrets project above the breastwork deck 6 feet, and the guns are thus carried with the axis of their bore at about 11 feet above the water line with the ship at her load line. The breastwork is 107 feet long, and 36 feet 4 inches wide amidships. It is plated with armor 9 inches in thickness round the turrets, and amidships, round the funnel and its casings, with plating of 7 inches. The turrets have a clear interior diameter of 21 feet 3 inches, and each mounts two 18-ton muzzle-loading rifled guns. The armor-plating on the turrets is 10 inches in thickness on the front faces and round the gunports, and 9 inches on the rear faces. The pilot or conning tower rises to a height of 12 feet 6 inches above the breastwork deck, and is therefore nearly 20 feet above the water, It is plated wi

the water, It is plated with 9-inch iron, and weighs upwards of 70 tons.

The two hatchways which give access and air and light to a limited extent to the ship below from the main deck outside, and below the breastwork deck, are iron cylinders, projecting upwards some 3 feet, and formed of 6-inch armor plates. Their production must have been a matter of serious cost. The decks of the ship are crowded with "notions," as an American would say, of all kinds; for wherever a foot's space has been found vacant in the decks or armor-plating a series of holes have been tapped in and fittings of some kind or other fixed there. In fact there has been a great mistake made in this respect with the Abyssinia. She is a vessel intended for the defence of the harbor of Bombay, and she has been given the deck-fittings of a sea-going ship. Her anchors also are of the old and cumbrous pattern, whereas a special requirement of such a vessel is that she should carry the lightest and strongest that could be procured for her, such as the "Trotman."

The ship was weighted with ballast, and inclined in the Millwall docks on Saturday last, under the superintendence of Mr. Barnes, of the Council of Construction to the Admiralty, to ascertain her angles of stability. The result was very satisfactory, as they give 'the distance between the metacentre and the centre of gravity at about 3.8 feet.

According to a Tribune correspondent, "There are now 230 siege-guns in park to the south of Paris. These guns are of a most miscellaneous and incongruous character. Some are muzzle-loaders, some breech-loaders, some rifled, some smooth-bores, some of bronze, some of castiron, some of steel. There are about half a dozen 50-pounders, some fifty or sixty 24-pounders—muzzle-loading, some rifled, some smooth—forty-six 12-pounders, these being bronze rifled breech-loaders. Then there are about 60 small 6-pounders, mounted on peculiarly constructed carriages, so as to attain a great elevation, and consequently an extreme range. These are said to be able to throw a shell 6,000 schints, or about 4,500 yards, a range which the German officers seem to consider enormous. But even the now disparaged Armstrongs will easily throw 9,000 yards, or just double the distance. There are some 20 very old-fashioned mortars of bronze one of which is said to have been cast in 1640! There are a few rifled steel mortars of new construction—later than 1640, that is—which can throw a shell weighing 170 pounds. I may add, in conclusion, that my unfavorable opinion of the Prussian siege train is shared by Captain Hozier of the British army. Many of the guns, notably some of the heaviest, are naval guns, taken from the useless Prussian fleet."

THE first of the three large targets, says the Pall Mall Gazette, which are being constructed at Chatham dockyard will shortly be ready to be removed to Shoeburyness, where the experiments will be carried out with the large 35-ton gun, just completed at the royal gun factory. The target is by far the most powerful structure of the kind yet constructed, the exterior armor with which it is covered being no less than fourteen inches in thickness; the plates are the largest of the kind yet manufactured, and are bolted to a backing of teak timber twelve inches in thickness, with the ordinary frames behind them, the target being an exact counterpart of the turret of Her Majesty's turret ship Glatton, which is now building at Chatham dock-yard.

THE bastion in front of Fort Bicetre, Paris, an English paper states, known as Bastion No. 87, is manned by the members of the Ecole Polytechnique. The professors of the college have consented to serve under their former pupils, wherever these have been selected as lieutenants. In this bastion may be seen MM. Bertrand, Bonnet, Laugier, Freme, Tissot, Laguerre—all members of the Institute, professors at either the College de France or at the Sorbonne—daily at their posts in the bastion, which has already acquired the reputation of being one of the best mounted among the fortifications of Paris.

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THE public exercises in Cleveland, Ohio, on the occa sion of the reunion of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, will occupy two days—November 24 and 25. The organization will take place on the 24th at 11 A. M., when the annual business will be transacted. In the evening General Garfield will deliver an oration on General George H. Thomas. On the second day there will be a business meeting in the morning, anniversary oration by General John M. Palmer of Illinois at noon, and banquet at 8 P. M., which closes the affair. Most of the railroads of the country will carry members at half rates they paying full fare going and being returned free on rtificate of the secretary of the Society. Am the distinguished gentlemen who have signified their intention of being present are the following: General W. T. Sherman, Admiral D. D. Porter, General Joseph Hooker, ex-Governor William Dennison, Senator John Sherman, General J. D. Cox, General W. S. Rosecrans, General Thos. Wood, General Nathan Kimball, General Garfield, and Governor J. M. Palmer of Illinois

WE have further evidence that Paris is not yet hermetically sealed from the outer world in a draft, presented to us November 23 by a banker, for money advanced to a correspondent at Paris October 27. As a demand for money would no doubt travel as rapidly as any document possibly could, we may infer that the shortest time between Paris and New York is at present just twenty seven days.

GENERAL HUMPHREYS, Chief of Engineers, in his report just submitted to the Secretary of War, asks for Congressional appropriations to the total amount of a little over one million dollars for work on our fortifications during the coming year. For Forts Niagara and Ontario, on the lake frontier, \$30,000 each is asked, but nothing for Fort Montgomery, which is essentially completed. Fort Schuyler requires \$115,000 more to complete the changes already decided upon. For the fort at Willett's Point \$90,000 is asked, \$52,000 for Fort Columbus, \$16,000 for Fort Wood, \$50,000 for Fort Hamilton and additional batteries, \$60,000 for the fort on the site of Fort Tompkins, and \$104,000 for North and South Cliff batteries; \$252,000 for the fortifications on the Delaware river, and \$278,209 for the fortifications on the southern coast, viz. : Forts Moultrie and Johnson, Charleston harbor, \$50,000 each; Castle Pinckney, \$7,000; Fort Jackson, \$16,000; Fort Pulaski, \$53,000; Garden Keys, Tortugas, Fla., \$85,000; Fort Morgan, \$10,000; Fort Gaines, \$5,000; Forts Pike and Macomb, Louisiana, \$24,000 each.

In regard to the engineer post at Willett's Point, New York harbor, General HUMPHREYS says:

This point is the principal engineer depot of the military establishment. The surplus stores accumulated during the war are sold from time to time for use on the different fortifications in charge of officers of the corps. A proper supply of bridge-trains and equipage, intrenching, mining, and other tools, is preserved for use in future field service. The depot is guarded and cared for, and the property issued by engineer troops. By authority of the Secretary of War, this post has been constituted the torpedo school of the Army, and an extensive series of experiments is now in progress. An appropriation of the torpedo school of the Army, and an extensive series of experiments is now in progress. An appropriation of \$10,000 is asked for this purpose. Since the date of my last report, the permanent post hospital has been completed, and two temporary buildings have been rendered permanent by thorough reconstruction. Three permanent barracks and two buildings for officers' quarters were begun, but the funds available reverted to the Treasury under the act of July 12 of this year. An appropriation of \$25,000 is urgently asked for these buildings, as the temporary structures now in use have become entirely unfit for occupation, and are rapidly going to decay. This estimate takes into account the practice heretofore followed of furnishing the labor almost exclusively from the battalion.

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THE SITUATION IN EUROPE.

WE have now an explanation of the movements in the neighborhood of Orleans. General D'AU-RELLES DE PALADINES, having dislodged his enemy from the strongly-intrenched Orleans by hurling sixty thousand against twenty-five thousand, appears to have left a strong force between that city and Artenay, while the Germans had retired beyond the latter place. Then making a movement on the left, DE PALADINES marched northward from Châteaudun through Chartres on Dreux, hoping to keep so far west that his enemy would not be able to oppose him without dividing the army at Artenay but he miscalculated the strength of the force that could be collected against him. There were reinforcements on the way to VON DER TANN, and these were stopped at Etampes. The Duke of Mecklenburg, taking men from the lines before Paris, probably as reinforcements to those which were operating on the Dreux railroad west of Versailles, was able to stop the French movement near Dreux. The cavalry was massed at Epernon, the Bavarians formed the reserve at Etampes, and the French, being beaten, fell back to Châteauneuf, a place southeast of Dreux, and finally were driven beyond it in the direction of Le Mans. It had been DE PALADINES intention to break through the German lines at St. Germain and Argenteuil, assisted by a sortie from Paris. Had he been able to reach the lines before the city, it is probable that with proper help from TROCHU he would have effected the raising of the siege. He is therefore to be credited not only with the only French victory, but also with one of the best tentatives of the war. But it has failed, and if affairs are to follow the same course in the west that they have in the east, the succeeding trials will be less vigorous than this first one; and having failed in the best effort, nothing but failure can be prognosticated for the poorer ones. while the Germans are by no means idle. FREDERICK CHARLES is advancing, and the last report we have is that he has said that only one alternative remains to the Tours government-to retreat or surrender. His army is marching in three columns, the Third corps being on the 18th at Sens and Fontainebleau, to the aid of VON DER TANN. The Ninth corps was proceeding toward Auxerre, a place east and a little south of Orleans; while the Tenth corps is going toward Dijon by way of Châtillon-sur-Seine. He is therefore preparing to sweep through Tours, flanking the army at Orleans, and compelling the government to betake itself either to the seacoast or to some town where it can stand

Thus the army of Prince FREDERICK CHARLES, entering like a wedge between DE PALADINES and GARIBALDI, flanks both of their armies; and while VON DER TANN or his successor in the command stands ready to make any retreat of DE PALADINES a disastrous one, VON WERDER is before GARIBALDI, who must soon either retire on Lyons to be shut up there, or march westward to give his aid to the Tours government. There is said to be a force of 20,000 Germans at Gray. Dijon and Dole are in their hands, and the advance on Lyons will soon be in a shape to progress with more rapidity.

All the present operations of the Germans illustrate the overpowering advantage which the use of the telegraph and railroad places in the grasp of the combatant who has the upper hand. When the French now obtain a success it must be a short one, for before it is complete the telegraph has summoned and the railroad conveyed reinforcements to the beaten or threatened Germans. The thing which bound together the lines about Metz was the telegraph, and the thing which made it profitable to VON DER TANN to hold his twenty-five thousand against sixty thousand was the knowledge that the telegraph early in the day had told the story of his plight to the authorities in Versailles, and that the railroad wanted only a short time to bring the needed help. But far from replacing personal exertion and doing away with personal valor, the addition of these mechanical aids calls for displays of activity and determination greater than ever; for it makes success possible in situations where in old times retreat and failure would have been not only justifiable, but inevitable. It is said that YON DER TANN has been removed, and the first check suffered by the Germans is likely to call for a pretty strict inquiry. In a war which has witnessed a few Landwehr men resisting with success the onset of the Imperial Guard, the best soldiers of France, a general who retreats for any cause is likely to be dealt with in no gentle spirit.

The sieges of Belfort, Montmédy, Mézières, and La Fère, near Laon, are progressing, and each one has tried one or more sorties, but with no permanent success. Montbéliard, south of Belfort, has een fortified by the Germans. They are also operating in the north toward Amiens. At Thionville, it is said, 18 shells a minute are thrown into the fortress. This is pretty active, making 13,000 rounds for twelve hours.

A despatch from Versailles says, that Prince FREDERICK CHARLES'S movement southward has been given up, and the German forces are to be concentrated around Paris. This looks as if something were expected from TROCHU, or more active measures against Paris had been decided upon.

An officer of the Army writes us a private letter of gentle admonition and criticism, from which we venture to extract the following:

"In an allusion to the correspondence between General DE TROBRIAND and Governor SHAEFER of Utah, I see you refer to the former as Colonel DE TRO-BRIAND. I recollect when Kossuth was in this country and claimed to be Governor of Hungary, JACK Downing wrote him a very amusing letter, in which he told him that of course he was Governor of Hungary; that in this country we went upon the principle, 'Once a general, always a general; once a governor, always a governor. You were once Governor of Hungary; of course you are Governor still.' The war made Mr. DE TROBRIAND a general, and common courtesy in civil as well as military life will give him the title, however the law of Congress may restrict the use of it in official correspondence. Suppose Governor SHAEFER should by any chance cease to be Governor of Utah Territory, do you doubt that everybody would continue to call him Governor, even though (were he reappointed to another Territory) Congress should pass a law in the following words: 'Nor shall he (the Governor) be addressed in orders or official communications by any other title than that of Mr.?' Would such a law have the effect of preventing people from calling him Governor, stop his being Governor, or interfere with his calling or signing himself Governor in official or other communica-

This is all very true; but we are of necessity governed by the rules adopted for official intercours determining with what military titles we shall accompany the names of officers. We receive weekly a large amount of information in official orders and circulars, which is condensed for insertion in the JOURNAL. If we should undertake to depart from the official description of officers, we should find ourselves all at sea. For example, here lies an order from the headquarters of the Department of the East, signed "by order of Brigadier-General Mc-Dowell;" are we to declare that it was issued by order of Brevet Major-General McDowell, and for the sake of courtesy be false to the fact? Again, are we to go over our Abstracts of Special Orders,

our personal items, etc., to substitute brevet rank for lineal rank wherever it appears? Apart from the necessity of detailing a man to follow after every officer's name with the Army Register, we should be falsifying the record in so doing. We recognize the principle that brevet rank is real rank; but, so long as the Army is governed by the rule laid down for it by Congress at its last session, we must follow the fashion.

Russia, according to the despatches received by the dailies, bases her announcement to the other powers concerned in the Treaty of Paris on four These breaches of the neutrality of the Black Sea. are: the cruise of the Prince of Wales in that sea, in an English frigate; a similar trip by Sir HENRY BULWER; the appearance of an Austrian squadron at Varna, a Turkish city on the Black Sea, when the Emperor of Austria was there; and lastly, the voyage of the Sultan in a Turkish frigate. Russian Envoy at Constantinople protested against the last at the time, but without effect. Here are formal acts enough to warrant Russia in throwing off a treaty which has nothing in equity to insure The agreement wrung by war must its existence. be sustained by war, and if England has fear of Russia's encroachments in India, she will not be able to prevent it by imposing absurd restrictions on her European development. There is good prospect that the demands of Prince Gortschakoff will be decided upon without war; but if they are, it will be by yielding to them to a certain extent at least. It is understood that England, Italy, and Austria, and of course Turkey, array themselves in remonstrance to the course of Russia, and Spain and Denmark may appear on the same side. Austria, however, is as usual divided, the Slavic element sympathizing with Slavic Russia. Prussia appears to have a previous agreement of the let alone kind with the Czar, and England has sent Mr. ODO RUSSELL, whose name has so long been connected with the British diplomatic service in Italy, to Versailles to consult with Count BISMARCK. The result of their conference has not been made public, and it remains to be seen how Mr. Russell, who seems to be regarded by the English press about as Lord STRATFORD DE REDCLIFFE was regarded by KINGLAKE, will succeed with the Chancellor of Germany. The latest accounts say that he has been received with especial courtesy, and the fact is regarded in England as a roof that BISMARCK was as much surprised by the Russian note as the other diplomatists; but nothing has been revealed of their conferences.

Of course the question is, Will England fight? Lord GRANVILLE'S note appears to have taken his country by surprise, for a more compliant answer was expected from his affable Lordship. But the grave, remonstrant tone of his despatch is evidently liked by the people he represents, and the *Times* is thundering loud against Russia. It cannot be doubted that Lord GRANVILLE returns a very different answer from what he would have returned ten years ago. England has not failed to profit by the lessons of which the world's history for the last decade or two has been so full. We hear a great deal of Russian organization, of Austrian improvement, and of Italian strength; but of the real personal worth of Russian soldiers we know but little. They were steady in the Crimea, and the defence of Sebastopol has gained credit as the years rolled on, and subsequent wars have exhibited the powers of modern means of attack. There must have been improvement to some extent in their drill and tactical disposition, as there has been improvement in their armament. But we are inclined to think that the British army is very far from being what JOHN BULL'S public press is fond of declaring it to be-an army without a head, without organization, without preparation for war. Giving the first place to Prussia, as a matter of course, in these days of her triumph, we are inclined to put the army of England in the second rank of the world's armies, as regards efficiency both for home defence and foreign service. England's power of military armament, ability to carry on a long war, and spirit to sustain, it are not surpassed by those of any country in the world. It is hazardous to express an opinion upon a problem in which the value of one element is so nearly unknown as is the lions; for Indians, eighteen, sixteen, and twenty-two Russian side of this question; but we think England millions; and for pensions, six, twenty-four, and

ble successes in the field if she confides the care of her armies to the younger men of energy and genius whom one class of her society always produces. At present she sees herself in a position very like our own in the beginning of our late war, when General SCOTT was at the head of our Army. The days of the Duke of CAMBRIDGE's vigor in the field are past, and if this quarrel ends in war, there will be a chance for some new WELLINGTON to rise.

It cannot be doubted, however, that the Russian note is but the word of command given after long years of preparation. Restrained from rebuilding Sebastopol, a new harbor has been made on the Bug river twenty miles from the Black Sea, and Nikolaieff is far stronger than was ever Sebastopol. Thus the Treaty of Paris is an excellent example of how futile such a document can be. Restraining a great power from the enjoyment of her natural rights, it left her free to make in security every preparation for abrogating it. Absurd in its purpose and weak in its provisions, it is now ready to fall to the ground. There is of course discussion of the way in which the war will be carried on if it comes, and the rather remarkable proposition is advanced that neither belligerent will invade the other's territory. In the solution of this problem Russia has the advantage, for she has nothing to do but to enter into the enjoyment of the privileges she claims; while England, to prevent her, must move a powerful army to a field hundreds of miles away.

But will there be a war? On this side of the we ter the feeling is that war will be avoided, and that Russia will triumph in a peaceable way. The opinion expressed by us last week that Russia had a right to the navigation of her own waters, whether by armed or merchant ships, proves to be the feeling of the press, and of our public men so far as they have expressed an opinion, and the natural consequence of this position is the expectation that England will give way. According to the latest advices from London, however, it is Russia who shows signs of receding. The firm attitude of Earl GRANVILLE and the evident heartiness with which the English people sustain him, are said, and probably with reason, to have produced a marked effect in St. Petersburg. This is a much healthier state of affairs than that which prevailed before the Crimean war, and there is now little danger that England will "drift" into war. Both countries have manifested such a warlike feeling that each will probably be ready to yield respect to the other's representations.

THE statement of receipts and expenditures of the Government from July 1, 1855, to June 30, 1870, which has recently been prepared and published under the direction of Mr. Saville, chief clerk to the Secretary of the Treasury, is a valuable and suggestive document. It presents at a glance the financial history of the Government during the past fifteen years, and shows the wonderful capacity this country has developed for bearing pecuniary burdens such as were imposed upon it during the war. In the first five fiscal years of the fifteen embraced in Mr. Saville's statement, from June 30, 1856, to June 30, 1860, the total net revenue was, in round figures, three hundred millions; during the second five years, from 1860 to 1865, it was eight hundred and four millions; and from 1865 to 1870, twenty-two hundred and thirty-six millions. Thus the average yearly revenue, which was in 1856-'60 sixty millions, rose in 1860-'65 to one hundred and sixty millions, and in 1865-'70 to four hundred and forty-seven millions. The smallest revenue was forty-seven millions, in 1858, and the largest, five hundred and fifty-eight millions, in 1866. The net ordinary expenditures during these several periods were three hundred and forty-four millions in 1856-'60; thirty-four hundred and nineteen millions, or ten times as much, in 1860-'65; and eighteen hundred and eighty-eight millions in 1865-'70. Of these sums were expended for the War Department, in 1856-'60, one hundred and one millions; in 1860-'65, twenty-seven hundred and thirty-nine millions; and in 1865-'70, six hundred and thirty-nine millions. For the Navy Department were expended in the corresponding periods sixty-seven millions, three hundred and twentyseven millions, and one hundred and forty-two milwould have good reason to look for very considera- one hundred and seventeen millions. The other civil

and miscellaneous items were, in 1856-'60, one hundred and thirty-eight millions, the same in 1860-'65, and two hundred and fifty-five millions in 1865-'70.

Eight hundred and sixty-one millions have been expended during the fifteen years for interest on the public debt, the annual expenditures on this account rising from a million and one half in 1858 to one hundred and forty-four millions in 1867, and gradually declining from this highest figure to one hundred and twenty-nine millions in 1870. Premiums on loans and purchase of bonds, etc., also appear as an item in the expenditures; but the total of thirty-eight millions is offset by a receipt of one hundred and fifty-eight millions from the corresponding source of premiums on loans and sales of gold coin, showing a gain of one hundred and twenty millions to the Treasury. The total receipts from customs during the fifteen years were fifteen hundred and twelve millions, rising from the lowest point, thirty-nine millions, in 1861, to the highest, one hundred and ninety-four millions, in 1870. The total receipts from internal revenue were about the same, rising from thirty-eight millions in 1863, the first year of their collection, to three hundred and nine millions in 1866, and one hundred and eightyfive millions in 1870. The sales of public lands, which amounted in 1856 to nine millions, fell off to one hundred and fifty-two thousand in 1862, and rose again to four millions in 1869, and three and one-third millions in 1870. The total of land sales for the fifteen years is thirty-three millions. The miscellaneous receipts not classified for this period were one hundred and fifty-six millions.

The expenditures for the War Department during the year ending June 30, 1870, fifty-eight millions, and for the Navy Department, twenty-two millions, against an average of twenty and a quarter millions for the War Department, and thirteen and a quarter millions for the Navy Department, during the six years preceding the war. This year the expenditures for the War Department will be about double the ante-war figures, and for the Navy Department about one half more. Taking this as a fair average estimate for our peace establishment upon the present scale of prices for manufactures and productions of all kinds, it appears that the total expenditures imposed upon us by the war were nearly or quite forty-five hundred millions, out of a total expenditure by the Government of fiftysix hundred millions during the fifteen years ferred to. This includes interest on the public debt incurred in consequence of the war.

THE Bavarian mitrailleur made its first appearance in action at the taking of Orleans by the Germans, October 10 and 11. According to German papers, its performance was something terrible, and it was used against infantry and cavalry with like effect. Once the "bullet squirt" battery was opposed to a mitrailleur battery, and the latter after a few rounds was compelled to leave the field besten in rapidity and accuracy of fire. The easy management and transportation of the guns are especially praised. Apropos of the Bavarians, their losses at Wissembourg, Woerth, Beaumont, and Sedan, made up from the casualty lists, were 5,129 in all, of whom 823 were killed, and 4,306 wounded.

THE election of a king by the Spaniards, though a few months ago an occurrence sufficiently important to kindle a great war, now passes off with hardly a remark. Spain at length gains the Duke of Aosta, the second son of VICTOR EMANUEL, for her ruler, having transferred her choice from a Teuton to an Italian. The vote was 191 against 120.

WE learn from Troy that a monument has recently been erected in Oakwood Cemetery at that place to the memory of the late General George H. Thomas. It is of the massive sarcophagus style, surmounted by the Am ican eagle, grasping in its talons a facsimile of the sword worn by the General. On the front of the monument is the following inscription in raised letters, encircled by a wreath of oak and laurel:

GEORGE H. THOMAS, Major-General U. S. Army, n, Southampton county, Virginia, July 81, 1816. Died, San Francisco, Cal., March 28, 1870.

CHRONICLE OF THE WAR.

29. The troops around Paris are occupied in forming their camps and counterworks. After so many battles and hard marching, their energies are not unnecessarily pressed. The inhabitants of the villages around the great city seem to have overcome their first terror and city seem to have overcome to return to their homes.

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Fall of Strasbourg is known in Tours. The French fleet reaches Cherbourg. Two squadrons remain in the North Sea and the British Channel to protect commerce.

30. Entrance of the German troops into Strasbourg, and thanksgiving service in St. Thomas's Church. Over 500 French officers sign the parole; 50 to 100 accept imprisonment. Number of the captured guns, 1,070; 2,000,000 francs of government property in the bank obtained, 8,000,000 still doubtful; munitions, and especially stores of cloth, very large.

Sortie from Paris. Two divisions commanded by General Vinoy took part. On the wings left from Fort Issy against the German Fifth corps, and right against the Eleventh corps, only demonstrations were made. The principal attack was in the centre from Forts Montrogue and Bieëtre, against the Sixth corps. It began at

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Early on the 30th strong masses of French troops of the line broke out of Paris against the Sixth army corps. At the same time the advanced troops of the Fifth army corps were attacked by three battalions, while a brigade demonstrated against the Eleventh army corps. After a two hours' fight, in which the enemy suffered very considerable losses, without our reserves having to 'engage, the enemy withdrew in the greatest haste to the protection of the forts. The losses on this side are not yet known, but are not heavy; by the Eleventh corps, for instance, only 8 men. Many hundred prisoners in our hands.

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The Tours government decrees that all men from twenty-one to forty years of age are to join the Mobile Guards. Those from twenty-one to thirty-five are to remain until discharged by the Minister of War. In order to arm them, the prefects are authorized to disarm the Garde Nationale Sédentaire, and also to seize all hunting and other weapons. The Francs-Tircurs are to be subjected to the same discipline as the Mobile Guards, and to be at the disposal of the Minister of War.

1. The General Governor of Alsace makes his head-quarters in Strasburg. A corps composed of reserve troops is forming at Freiburg in Baden for the purpose of crossing the upper Rhine and operating in south-eastern France. A new military bridge is building at Neuenburg, and while that is under construction, part of the troops, among which is the Fourth division under General von Schmeling, crosses on boats without opposi-tion. The troops investing Pfalzburg are increased to four battalions, and heavy siege guns are sent there from Stras-burg.

ports from Tours say that 250 battalions of national

guards, each battalion consisting of 1,500 men, are under arms in Paris; this makes a force of 375,000 men.

General Uhrich, accepting the parole, returns to France by way of Switzerland and enters Tours, where he is re-

ceived with great honor.

2. A report from the War Department in the French Journal Official declares that there are in Paris 280,000 National Guards, 90,000 Mobile Guards, and 20,000 frances

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Sortic from Metz on the Thionville road against the Landwehr division. After the fight on September 27, and the burning of La Maxe, the Tenth corps of Kummer's Landwehr division changed its former line of investment, Villers les Ples-nois-Ladonchamps La Maxe, to a position leading from Ladonchamps through Les Grandes Tapes to the Moselle, opposite Olgy. October 1 the outposts took up this now position; and, on account of the weakness of the division, the line was shortened by surrendering Villers les Plesnois to the Third corps. Two battalions of Landwehr held the extreme fore posts, north of the Woippy wood, and in the hamlets Bellevue, St. Remy, Les Petites Tapes, and Les Grandes Tapes. In Ste. Agathe and Ladonchamps there were small detachments; and two battalions occupied the ground between this front line and the line of contravallation Fèves-Semécourt-Amelange-Ferme. In the night of October 2, the sixteen men posted in Ladonchamps were attacked, and thrown back on St. Remy. The company in Ste. Agathe retreated without a contest also on St. Remy, which next received the attention of the enemy; but it was strengthened by two additional battalions. From 2 to 5 o'clock there was no fighting.

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which gives the news, does not say what the cause or object of the outbreak was.

Admiral Fourichon having resigned his post as Minister of War, it is assumed by Crémieux.

French papers say that the court-martial of General Uhrich has acquitted him, and that the surrender of Strasburg was decided upon by a council of war held in that fortress, but two voices dissenting.

King's headquarters moved to Versailles.

German troops enter Chartres. The Fourth cavalry division is advancing toward the Loire; fighting between outposts. Sixth cavalry division drives 1,500 Mobile Guards out of Montfort, sixteen miles west from Versailles. Colmar and Mulhouse, on the railway running along the French side of the Rhine, are occupied by German cavalry. Placy-sur-Eure and Vernon, thirty-five miles northwest from Paris, occupied by a strong German detachment. German detachment.

Engagement at Toury. Report of General Reyau to the Minister of War in Tours:

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Chevilly, 5th October, 6:05 evening.

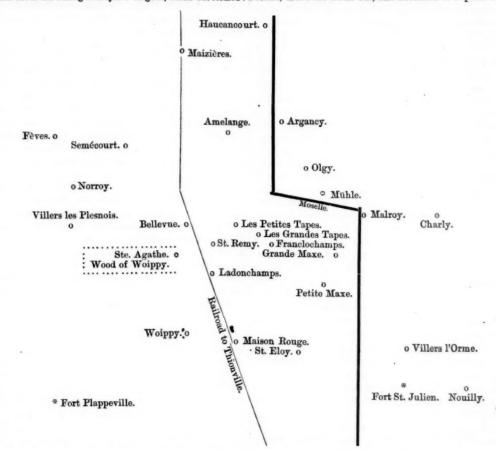
To-day, October 5, I left Chevilly with three cavalry brigades and some infantry, taking the direction of Toury. Each brigade had a half-battery attached. Towards 7 o'clock we arrived near Chaussy, a village lying 3-4 kilometres from Toury. The squadron of the Sixth regiment Hussars, which formed the advance guard, surrounded this place, and threw itself upon the force posts of the enemy, taking at once five prisoners belonging to the King of Bavaria's regiment. The hostile artillery, which numbered ten twelve-pounders, had taken position near Toury. It fired with great accuracy upon our artillery, which consisted of nine four-pounders. The guns of the half-battery of Longuerue's brigade were immediately dismounted. Two officers of the Sixth regiment Hussars were killed. Chief of Squadron Loytet and Sub-Lieutenant de Bourgoing were dangerously wounded. Several shells fell among Ressayre's brigade, which was formed

Bombardment of Neuf-Brisach, an old fortress on the Rhine below Mulhouse. It is a strong work, and has a garrison of 5,000 men.

7. A council of seven in Tours replaces Admiral Fourichon as War Minister. It decrees the disbandment of the Francs-tireurs and their embodiment in the Garde Mobile.

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German troops are moving on Normandy, and have occupied the wood near Gisors, 40 miles south-east of Rouen. Strong French columns advanced from Metz towards half past one in the afternoon against Kummer's Landwehr division, the ground fought over being about the same as in the reconnoissance of the 2d. The columns directed themselves against Bellovue, St. Remy, Les Grandes Tapes, and Les Petites Tapes, all of which places were occupied by the Landwehr. A strong reserve force—infantry with two or three batteries—followed by way of Maison Rouge. After a stout resistance the Landwehr were driven out of the towns by three o'clock. Against the advancing columns batteries of the Landwehr division, both on the left bank and in the line Argancy-Olgy-Malroy, were in action, as well as the artillery of the Tenth corps and of Kraatz's division. The fire was especially severe upon the second attacking line, which soon showed signs of breaking up, and at the same time an attack with fresh forces by the way of Les Grandes and Petites Tapes was repulsed. To carry out an offensive resistance to the sortie, General von Voigts-Rhetz had brought his Tenth army corps from the right bank to Amelange. Towards four P. M. a return attack was made for the purpose of recovering the captured villagss, which were recaptured at dusk. At the same time troops which had been sent from the line west and southwest of Metz to the assistance of the Landwehr, attacked the wood of Woippy, in the possession of the French, drove the latter out, and advanced to a piece of



in mass. Three men and three horses were killed. In spita of the very well directed are of the enemy, the advance was continued. The hostile cavalry, which was 400 to 500 strong, and supported by 2,000 infantry, was forced to begin a retreat towards Paris.

We followed them to three or four kilometres beyond Toury. Several shots were exchanged with the enemy, who withdrew in haste. I then ordered the movement to cease, as the troops were very much fatigued. Michel's brigade had marched since midnight, and the other brigades since 3 o'clock in the morning. Neither soldiers nor horses had eaten or drunk in this time. I withdrew to Toury, where I learned that Prince Albert and the Duke of Saxe-Meiningen and Saxe-Altenburg, had been there for eight days, and had left Toury at the time of our first attack at 8 o'clock. I took possession here of a drove of cattle, 147 cows and 52 sheep, which had been collected by the enemy, and sent it to Artenay. sheep, which had been consecutive to Artenay.

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woods west of Bellevue. Repeated attempts were made by the French troops to regain the villages, but without success. The Germans too had to abandon a projected attack upon Ladonchamps as soon as they discovered the strength of the force which had occupied the place, which is very strong, and defended by wet and dry ditches.

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A movement had been made early in the afternoon on the right bank towards the line Malroy-Charly by two batteries and some infantry, but it was repulsed by the battery in position at Charly. A similar demonstration was made at Villers l'Orme, and late in the afternoon there was heavy skirmishing at Villers l'Orme-Nouilly, but the advance of the French was checked by the ten batteries in position there. Towards night the battle ceased at every part of the lines. It has been surmised by the Germans that the object of this sortie, which they term swift in action and stubborn in contest, was to advance the French outposts far enough to obtain forage. Some four hundred light one and two horse wagons followed the French columns. On the left bank some 20,000 men took part in the sortie, among them the two divisions of took part in the sortie, among them the two division Guards. The entire German loss was 65 officers

In Ablis, south of Paris, a squadron of the Sixteenth Hussars is surprised by Francs-tireurs who had been hidden in the houses, and were aided by the inhabitants. Only 50 hussars escape. The place is burned. Considerable bodies of French troops which had advanced from the Loire are dispersed south of Etampes. A partisan warfare has sprung up in this region, which has given rise to many cavalry fights, and infantry have now been sent forward. Etampes lies on the Paris-Orleans road, twenty-eight miles from Paris. Ablis is fifteen miles west of Etampes.

9. M. Gambetta issues from Tours the following proclamation describing the condition of Paris and the hopes of the French leaders:

"By order of the Republican Government, I have left Paris, to convey to you the hopes of the Parisian people, and the instruction and orders of those who accepted the mission of delivering France from the foreigner.

"For seventeen days Paris has been invested, and offers the spectacle of two millions of men who, forgetting all differences to range themselves round the Republican flag, will disappoint the expectations of the invader, who reckoned upon civil discord. The revolution found Paris without cannon and without arms. Now 400,000 National Guards are armed, 100,000 Mobiles have been summoned, and 60,000 regular troops are assembled. The foundries cast cannon, the women make one million cartridges daily. The National Guards have two mitrailleurs for each battalion. Field pieces are being made for sorties against the besiegers. The forts are manned by marines, and are furnished with marvellous artillery, served by the first gunners in the world. Up till now their fire has prevented the enemy from establishing the smallest work. The enceinte, which on the 4th of September had only 500 cannon, has now 3,800, with 400 rounds of ammunition for each. The casting of projectiles continues with ardor. Every one is at the post assigned to him for fighting. The enceinte is uninterruptedly covered by the National Guard, who, from morning until night, drill for the war with patriotism and steadiness. The experience of these improvised soldiers inceases daily. Behind the enceinte there is a third line of defence, formed of barricades, behind which the Parisians are bound to defend the Republic—the genius of street-fighting. All this has been executed with calmness and order by the concurrence and enthusiasm of all. It is not a vain illusion that Paris is impregnable. It cannot be captured nor surprised.

"Two other means remain to the Prussians—sedition and famine. But sedition will not arise, nor famine either. Paris, by placing herself on rations, has enough to defy the enemy for long months, thanks to the provisions

to defy the enemy for long months, thanks to the provisions which have been accumulated, and will bear restraint and scarcity with manly constancy in order to afford her brothers in the departments time to gather. Such is, without disguise, the state of Paris. This state imposes great duties upon you. The first is to have no other occupation than the war; the second is to accept fraternally the supremacy of the Republican power, emanating from necessity and right, which will serve no ambition. It has no other passion than to rescue France from the abyss into which monarchy has plunged her. This done, the Republic will be founded, sheltered against conspirators and reactionists. Therefore I have the order, without taking into account difficulties or opposition, to remedy, and, although time fails, to make up by activity the shortcomings caused by delay. Men are not wanting. What has failed us has been a decisive resolution, and the consecutive execution of our plans. That which failed us after the shameful capitulation at Sedan was arms. All supplies of this nature had been sent on to Sedan, Metz, and Strasbourg, as if, one would think, the authors of our disaster, by a last criminal combination, had desired at their fall to deprive us of all means of repairing our ruin. Steps have now been taken to obtain rifles and equipments from all parts of the world. Neither workmen nor funds are wanting. We must bring to bear all our resources, which are immense; we must bring to bear all our resources, which are immense; we must bring to bear all our resources, which are immense; world. Neither workmen nor funds are wanting. We must bring to bear all our resources, which are immense; we must make the provinces shake off their torpor, react against foolish panies, multiply our partisans, offer traps and ambushes to harass the enemy, and inaugurate a national war. The Republic demands the co-operation of all. It will utilize the courage of all its citizens, employ the capabilities of each, and, according to its traditional policy, will make young men its chiefs. Heaven itself will cease to favor our adversaries; the autumn rains will come, and, detained and held in check by the capital, far from their homes, troubled and anxious for the future, the Prussians will be decimated one by one by our arms, by hunger, and by nature.

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"No, it is not possible that the genius of France should be for evermore obscured; it cannot be that a great nation shall let its place in the world be taken from it by an invasion of 500,000 men. Up, then, in a mass, and let us die rather than suffer the shame of dismemberment. In the midst of our disasters we have still the sentiment left of French unity and the indivisibility of the Republic. Paris, surrounded by the enemy, affirms more loudly and more gloriously than ever the immortal device which is dictated to the whole of France:

"'Long live the Republic! Long live France! Long live the Republic, one and indivisible.'"

The English Medical Press and Circular says: "The military persons in our own country who cannot distinguish philanthropy from maudlin sympathy with culprits who are submitted to the punishments set down by the law will, perhaps, think better of the mild discipline to which English military prisoners are subjected, when they compare their treatment with that to which soldiers are submitted in the Prussian army. It appears that, in time of peace, severe arrest consists of confinement in black darkness, with the ground for a bed. Bread and water is the fare in each case. It cannot be ordered for more than five weeks, it being reckoned that longer confinement of the kind is calculated to undermine the constitution. Severe arrest is impracticable in war time in the enemy's country. For it is substituted the punishment of "tying to a tree." Two hours on the tree is reckoned equivalent to twenty-four hours' severe arrest, and the maximum of this punishment is also four days. The punishment undoubtedly is severe. The prisoner is tied round the tree by the arms, by the waist, and by the feet, so as to be unable to touch the ground as a support, and his face is turned to the tree that he may see nothing.

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COUNT VON MOLTKE

(From the London Spectator.)

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THE immense, and, as it were, self-dependent strength of the Prussian monarchy is shown in nothing so clearly as in the way the Hohenzollerns have maintained the tradition of thriftiness in the bestowal of rewards. They have never had to buy anybody. From first to last, from the first King to the first Emperor, the sovereigns of Prussia have been exceptionally independent within their dominions—have been as individuals wealthy, and have followed a bold, far-reaching, and ambitious line of policy. With territories little larger than Holland, and a country far less rich, they claimed and maintained a position among the mightiest potentates of the world, resented the faintest slight to an ambassador, and scarcely acknowledged precedence even in the Emperor of Germany. They have occupied precisely the position which tempts knowledged precedence even in the Emperor of termany. They have occupied precisely the position which tempts men to spend most lavishly, yet they have maintained for 150 years, through six generations—in their official policy as in their household management—a tradition of thrift, pushed often to cheese-paring parsimony. One man in the line was a kind of Northern Bourbon, wasting wealth in sterile magnificence and coarse voluptuousness; but he did not treak the tradition, and to this hour the Hohenzollerns are served better than any princes of Europe, and give their servenats smaller rewards. Nobody in Prussia is paid anything like the worth of his work. The whole aristocracy is drawn into the army by salaries which would disgust English bank clerks, while the elite of the cultivated, men usually without means, are formed into an effective bureaucracy, and paid less than English captain, and a prefect like a superior clerk, while the majority of the bureaucracy, which ministens and directs and moderates all things in Prussia, which governs in the highest sense of that misused word, are compelled to practise an 'economy which English dissenting ministers or Sooth shoolmasters would deem painful. A rigid, unsparing economy pervades every department, and has so penetrated officials as to become a kind of point of honor, as if waste or even expensiveness were in themselves just a little discreditable. To this hour, the King, who has become by successive accretions of wealth one of the richest princes in Europe—perhaps the richest in personal income—thinks it no shame to send to a city in distress which he keenly desires to conciliate 5,000 thalers, or £750, and would feel genuine surprise if informed that the sum was not very great. In the midst of incessant battles with Parliament for money, the Schloss treasure—£7,000,000—has never been touched, except for war, and the State commerces a grand campaign, the greatest of our century, with a loan which London would take up at a bit and forget in a day. The extra amou

which fulfils the dreams of German legend-makers, and might make Frederick the Great leap under his stone shroud with exultation—chief among the statesmen of Europe, but still the "faithful servant of my august" and not very intellectual "master." It was widely rumored after Sadowa that Count Bismarck would receive the little enclave which is still, we believe, kept in some way separate from Prussia, and would be Duke of Lauenburg, but Prussians only smiled at the report. He serves the Hohenzollerns, they said, not Napoleon; and so it proved. Honor enough to him that the King accepts his advice. The routine observed towards the Chancellor is intelligible, for after all he only makes history; but we confess, fully as we had recognized the policy of the great German dynasty in this matter of rewards, the cold thrift of honor as well as money which makes every star to valuable, we have felt a faint surprise at the measure

meted out to von Moltke. He wins campaigns. He is the greatest in the field which the King best knows. The precise place which General von Moltke will hold in military history is still perhaps uncertain. He has never yet, either in 1864, or in 1866, or in 1870, been opposed to a reasonably good tactician, an equal army, or a formidable strategist. Beating the Danes, when they had only muskets, was poor work; and Benedek, perhaps hampered by secret instructions, proved but a feeble opponent; while in France he has never met a strategist of any sort, and only once a general. We rather think, writing only as observant civilians, that on that occasion he was defeated, and that August 16 should be credited to Marshal Bazaine, who, had he had but powder, would have retained the honors of the day. But generalship must be judged by its results, and judging by results, no sovereign ever had such a servant as General von Moltke, who, having first reorganized an army in which no soldier had ever seen a shot fired, having formed a school of generals and remade the scientific services, so guided that army as in a campaign of seven weeks to strike down the Austrian Empire, and then in a campaign of three months to subjugate the greatest of military monarchies. So far as close and scientific observers can detect, General von Moltke has been in this tremendous campaign the providence of the German army, has planned everything, forescen everything, has never thrown away a life, and never missed a spring. His single brain has been worth a hundred thousand men, worth all Napoleon was to the Fronch army, and on his seventieth birthday the King of Prussia makes his mighty general a count, promotes him one step in the social hierachy, as it were in recognition en passant of sound advice lent to him—the King —in his management of the war. A few days afterwards he makes two princes of his own blood, who doubtless have fought well and succeeded, but who are nevertheless only efficient instruments in von Moltke's hands, field-marshals,

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William Bache, a private in the U. S. Army at Newport barracks, was tried as a deserter, and condemned to one year's imprisonment at hard labor. The same evening he had been sent down with others to the edge of the Licking river to assist in the filling of the tubs, on which the garrison is now dependent for its water supply, armed sentinels, as usual, accompanying the party. A moment after reaching the river bank, Bache plunged headlong into the stream, and began swimming for the opposite shore. The sentinels fired hastily and carelessly, and missed the strong swimmer, who rapidly widened the distance between himself and danger. The guard rushed to the scene upon hearing the firing, but when they were prepared to open fire upon the deserter, the latter was about 800 yards up stream, and well away toward the Covington shore. When the guard opened fire there was a rattle of musketry like that coming from a skirmish line, and the bullets fell thick and fast around the head of the swimmer.

The excitement at this moment was intense. Both banks of the river were crowded with people assembled to hear the music of the band at parade and witness the military display, little expecting to be present at a shooting trial in which the target was a human life.

The sympathy of the people seemed to be with the deserter; and many a heart beat hard and fast as Bache reached the shore unhurt, rose erect, and paused exhausted, or, perhaps, with a wonderful presence of mind that saved his life. Certain is it that the slightest movement toward further escape would have been the signal for his death, for twenty muskets had the range of his body, now wholly exposed to the fire.

At the command of the officer of the day, the guard ceased firing, but kept their mark covered, while the desail of four men went over; in a skiff and recaptured the desperate prisoner, who was taken back and placed in irons.

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL GUARD.—The excuses freoffered by young men for not joining the Nationa Guard is that it costs too much, and that they cannot afford the time, etc. Yet these young men spend many dollars during the year to much less profit, and never appear to think that devotion to billiards or to dissipation of various sorts would only be a tax on their purse or time. It is true a member of the National Guard incurs fines for non nance of duties, but where so little time is demanded there is little or no excuse for not complying with the simple re nts of the service. The most serious drawback to the National Guard service is due to the association with it of se who join the ranks for purely personal reasons or those who join without a thought as to the responsibilities incurred or the duties required for the full term of seven years. Both on tire of the novelty of the service, neglect their duties by degrees, and eventually become strangers to The fines they incur are allowed to go by default until the amount, if not put in the hands of a respo fible and faithful marshal for collection, increase frequently beyond power of payment, and imprisonment and expulsion w with their usual consequences. These men naturally lose all regard for the service, and use their influence in preventing others from joining its ranks. In years past these utable members laughed at the law, and generally man aged to evade its clutches by compromising with the marshal, usually returned the warrants endorsed " not found." After a few returns of this character these members are reong the missing, and eventually "dropped" or virtually expelled from the command. All this consequently had an unhealthy influence on the National Guard, retarding enlistments, and materially affecting sound membership in every organization. Of late years the service has gradu rid itself of a portion of these unworthy members, and although by so doing it has reduced its numerical strength on paper, yet it has greatly added to its real effectiveness. We have now in the First and Second divisions marshals who derstand the law, and enforce its provisions. One these Captain Luebuscher, has become famous for honesty and faithfulness. The "hardships" of the members who are thus vigorously held to their legal obligations are often paraded in print, and the intervention of the civil courts has again and again been invoked in behalf of complainers.

The decisions of these courts have tended to make delinquent ers more bold, and have exercised an influence on r members of the National Guard not at all salutary. If. wever, all citizens understood the law, and the simple conditions, expense, and requirements of the service, few would exhibit sympathy or offer excuse for these unfaithful memnatural supposition has always been that a man joined the National Guard from patriotism, or to gain pleasasociations, exercise, or from general love of xcite beside a certain military spirit. When he joins he is sup-posed, likewise, to have fully comprehended the costs and the requirements of good order and discipline. If he has not this preliminary knowledge then the recruiting committee has failed to properly perform its duty. The actual costs of joining a militia organization, the average time, and services i, all this should be fully explained to the inquiring novitiate before enlistment. That this is but rarely done is a fact known to everybody familiar with our State military A young man enters the ranks of the Nationa Quard, inspired thereto by some sudden impulse, or oftener an easy yielding to the persuasion of a personal friend. He does not stop to consider, in his enthusiasm or d-fellowship, that his enlistment means not merely stripes and buttons, but also seven years of actual service under orders with penalties for disobedience or careless perform: Naturally the eager recruiting officer makes light of these requirements or prudently omits to even mention them; and if recruiting is especially dull and he especially eager, he may go so far as to gloss the truth up to the very verge of lying. d then an evil day comes when the fancy recruit finds enlistment in the National Guard is not all fun, but a pledge of service and obedience sometimes quite arduous. e the recruiting committee adopt fair and open mean for obtaining their recruits, and give up the spider-fly method. complaint? Let them have Will there not then be less after printed small cards for general circulation among the mem s, fairly presenting the duties expected and the a to be gained from and by those joining their respective co . The question of expense is an important one. Let tha. be truthfully stated so that there need be no doubt. Of urse the first cost in one organization differs from that in er, but after that has been paid there is but little difference between regiments. Let the recruit, in fact, know just what he is to get, what it costs, and then let him de those regiments which have adopted the full-dress uniform the first cost of joining is, of course, higher than in others, but the relative prices of these additionally exgives the organization its classification to a certain degree. se full dress uniforms-let us say frankly and explicitlycost from \$30 to \$40, sometimes a little less and sometimes little above these figures. Different but judicious methods are adopted by the various commands for paying for these uniforms, so that new members really experience very little trouble on this head. This expense accomplished, the re-

cruit may be said to have crossed the Rubicon. Then comes his monthly dues—say \$15 per year (which amount is rarely exceeded, and is sometimes less); his company drills on ng of the week during the period from October to May; then half a dozen battalion drills during the same period and perhaps three or four street parades during the year. member is actually required to give only the most venient portion of one month's time during a year. Indeor volunteer parades of course are not included in this calculation, for they are more numerous with some organizations than others, and are generally undertaken by common consent. A strict and proper attention to the reguar duties is required, or a penalty of from \$3 to \$6 is inourred, which must be paid, or an acceptable excuse rendered at the proper court before which the delinquent is ordered. can reasonably call the State service ardu expensive? And yet foolish people do so cry, and the ren s and unfaithful expect and get public sympathy in their shirking; and too frequently, we are sorry to say, the newspapers hasten to take their side. The National Guard, organized, is better than before the war, during which period its efficiency was well tested. It was the West Point of the Volunteer Army, and its services in the field can never be too highly appreciated by the Government and the cople. We hope to see its ranks kept well filled, and its efficiency aided by the State more liberally, and the public nore sympathetic, but this will not be until press cople understand that a military system is nothing without strict obedience and accountability.

SECOND DIVISION .- The following are the returns of the auster of the troop and batteries attached to these headquar ters, as rendered by the division inspector, Colonel Henry T. Chapman, Jr.: Battery A, First Lieutenant P. A. Steuber commanding-Present, 42; absent, 18; total, 60. Battery B, Captain Philip Wackerman-Present, 57; absent, 13 total, 70. Separate Troop C, Captain McCarthy—Present, 55; absent, 42; total, 97. These commands at the present time are in better condition than at any other period of their existence. The disbandment of regimental and battalic organizations, and forming therefrom independent troops and batteries, has worked admirably. A contemporary makes neous statement that "Major-General Woodward appoints a chief of artillery on his staff, to take care of four owitzers," following up the apparently intended slur on the commander and the staff officer with the remark that the latter officer "ought to be helped." We would advise the writer of the above quoted remarks to post himself a little before publishing such detrimental statements. The appoint nent of Colonel Beebe as chief of artillery was made, in fact at least a year ago, but only announced in orders recently He has rendered good service since his appointment in super intending the drilling and reorganization of the batteries of the division, which number, since the reduction, one howitzer unted batteries, with a strength of some 300 mer and at least 16 guns, according to the last inspection returns.

UPTON'S TACTICS FOR NON-MILITARY BODIES .- Messes D. Appleton & Company, New York, have issued a small ne, prepared by Brevet Major-General Upton, U. S. Army, adapted to instruction in tactics of political association s, police forces, and fire organizations, Masonic, Odd Fellows, and other civic societies. The book, of course, is a compilation from the infantry tactics of the Army and milinow in vogue, and contains one hundred and sixty pages 12mo, or the same size as Upton's Tactics. A book of this size, containing as it does, liberal extracts from the school of the company and battalion, seems altogether too complicated for non-military bodies such as political associations or societies having no suitable room for drilling. To reduce these bodies to anything like military precision would require practice. Without this very little can be accomplished in this line, except where these associations are composed of men at one time attached to the military service, such as the Grand Army of the Republic, or similar organization having a military foundation. Even in these instances a room place for practice is essential. A book of this general character has undoubtedly long been needed, and this one will be found useful; but it would have been more useful if it could have been simplified and reduced in size. In the preface General Upton says, indeed, that "in preparing it the first question to be decided was its size. A few pages might easily convey all the information for imprompprocessions; but this would not suffice for general pures. For political associations, the police forces of our arge cities, fire organizations, Masons, Odd Fellows, tem perance, and other permanent societies which frequently have to parade and perform long marches, a complete sys-tem of instruction is desirable." The book is well arranged, and neatly bound. It has been adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic, and its general theory will undoubtedly ome the basis of all permanent civic organizations.

WENTY-SECOND INFANTRY .- It is announced to this and in General Orders that the temporary use of the large drill room of the armory has been granted by the board of officers to certain charitable institutions for the purpose of holding fairs therein. Until the drill-room is again at the of the regiment, company drills will be held in the gymnasium or in the company rooms, special attention being given by company commanders to instruction in the manual of arms. Tickets of admission to the armory will be

the members of his company. The muskets of every comered and marked with the company st each be nun letter. Upon being so instructed, the armorer will mark the nuskets with the requisite numbers free of charge, or will, at a small cost, affix a brass plate upon each musket, with the letter and number engraved thereon. A regimental courtmartial for the trial of officers, delinquencies and deficiencies among the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the regiment convened at the armory on the 16th inst. Lieutenant-Colonel John T. Camp was president. among those ordered to appear before this court was Drum-Major Strube, who was placed under arrest for insubordination, on the occasion of the regiment's parade with the division at Prospect Park parade grounds on the 28th ult. The cause of the insubordination and arrest was relative to the appointment of the brigade drum-major on that occasion.

ELEVENTH INFANTRY .- A Court-martial for the trial of elinquencies and deficiencies in this regiment is ordered, urt to consist of Major R. W. Obermann as president. It will convene at the armory, corner of Chrystie and Deancey streets, on Wednesday, December 7, at 4 o'clock P. M. Colonel Funk has received his commission, Lieutenant-Colonel Unbekant has resigned, and Captain Oberman has been elected major. The resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Unbekant is to be regretted at the present time. The election of Major Oberman is most excellent, and we trust the Eleventh will succeed, as it undoubtedly will, under the new

The several companies of this regiment are directed to le at the State Arsenal, corner of Seventh avenue and Thirty-fifth street, for wing drills, in fatigue dress, gray trousers, white gloves, and with side arms only, as follows: Right wing, December 2, 1870, January 20 and March 3, 1871; left wing, December 8, 1870, February 3 and March 7, 1871. Field and staff will report to the senior officer present ten minutes before formation. Non-commissioned taff and drum corps will report to the adjutant ten minutes pefore formation. Company drills are ordered at the regiental armory, each month, at 8 o'clock P. M., as follows Companies A, first and third Fridays; B, first and third Thursdays; C, second and fourth Fridays; D, second and fourth Wednesdays; E, first and third Wednesdays; F, first and third Tuesdays; G, second and fourth Thursdays; H, ond and fourth Tuesdays; I, second and fourth Mondays; K, first and third Mondays. Company commanders will reort all absentees to regimental headquarters within fortyeight hours after each drill, with full name and address.

THIRTEENTH INFANTRY .- This command is directed to assemble, in fatigue uniform, at the armory, for drill and instruction by divisions as follows: Companies B and D, on December 5; apanies A and F, on December 6; Companies G and I, on December 7 and 14; Companies C and H, on December and 8; Companies E and K, on December 2 and 9-all at 8 o'clock P. M. Each of the foregoing drills will be under nand of the lieutenant-colonel or major, who are directed to divide the duty as they may themselves arrange. They are also directed to give their especial attention to the securing of entire uniformity, and greater precision throughout the command in the "manual of arms." The attention of the lieutenant-colonel and major is respectfully directed to paragraph 1 General Orders No. 4, series of 1867, and paragraph 7 General Orders No. 1, series of 1868, under which they will immediately resume action, and carefully supervise weekly drills of the several companies of the right and left wings respectively. The following extract from paragraph 7, General Orders No. 1, series of 1868, is republished for the information of this command :

In consequence of the frequent necessity for field officers to attend at regimental headquarters they would be seriously inconvenienced if required to appear in uniform upon all occasions, yet the necessity for their frequent presence is unquestionable; therefore it is hereby ordered that the field officers of this command will be considered on duty, and will be obeyed accordingly, whenever they are present in citizen's be obeyed accordingly, whenever they are present in cit dress at, near, or within the building used by this regi as an armory unless otherwise ordered.

Dr. J. Fred Moore has been appointed surgeon, vice Baldwin, term expired.

TWELFTH INPANTRY. - Drills by wing of this regiment were held on the evenings of the 14th and 17th instant, at the State Arsenal, the colonel, lieutenant-colonel, and major being present. At the drill of the right wing, comprising companies C, G, E, H, and K, the battalion was divided int ommands of twelve files front, companies C and H being onsolidated for this purpose. The movements were generally fair in their execution, particular attention being to the alignments, a practice inaugurated by Colonel Ward, with good results. We frequently noticed during the drill that the step of the officer commanding the right company was at least 120 to the minute. At the formation Adjutan durphy, whom we have so often praised, became confused elative to the proper position of the colors, placing them in the third instead of the second company. The error was so wident that the adjutant was prompt in its correction, but in so doing marred the entire formation. Considering that Adjutant Murphy has formed the Twelfth for at least one hundred times to our knowledge, we think there was no reaonable excuse for this mistake. At the left wing drill, comprising Companies A, B, D, F, and I, the battalion was divided similarly to the right wing, by the consolidation of Com-The movements executed were the same as issued to each company commander for distribution among those of the right wing, but not quite up to its standard. At

one time during the execution of the manual while in line, the commandant of the second company failed to drep the point of his sword at "order arms," and to bring it to the position of "parade rest" when the battalion was brought to that position. The movements by left and right were equalall executed, and the entire drill satisfactory to all concerned. In conclusion, we would recommend more attention on the part of the sergeant-major, but perhaps his ill health has something to do with this inattention. Right General Guide W. R. Gallagher has been promoted regimental quar-termaster-sergeant. We trust he will fill this position, as usual, well.

FIRST DIVISION .- The following list of rosters, reports, re turns, etc., required under the Military Code, General Regulations, and existing orders, has been published in a circular from these headquarters:

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

Ist. A return of the names, ranks, and residences of all officers to these headquarters on or before the 1st day of June, annually.—Par. 495, G. R.

2d. A certified report containing the names and residences of all new officers and members, and the names of all those who shall have resigned, been dismissed, expelled, or who shall have ceased or neglected to perform the full duties required by law, since last report, to these headquarters annually, between the 20th and 25th days of September.—Section 31, chapter 539, Laws of 1870, as promulgated in General Orders No. 3, division headquarters, series 1870.

3d. A report of evolutions practised during each year, to accompany similar reports from regimental commandants to General Headquarters annually, on or before December 1.—Par. 527, G. R.

4th. A statement of amount of moneys received for co mutations and fines, and amount expended, to General Headquarters, by brigade commandants as presidents of board of auditors, annually, on or before December 1.—Par.

708, G. R.
5th. A report of all courts-martial ordered by brigade
commandants (other than those for trial of delinquencies) to
Judge-Advocate-General, annually, on or before December ar. 840, G. R.

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6th. A roster of all commissioned officers, to these head-quarters annually, on or before December 1.—(Hereby ordered under section 37, M. C.)
7th. A report of the inspections and reviews, to the Adjutant-General, within thirty days after each annual inspection.—Sec. 153, M. C.
8th. Two copies of the muster and inspection returns, as made to the brigade inspector, one to the Adjutant-General and the other to the Inspector-General, immediately after annual inspection.—Sec. 152, M. C., and one copy to these headquerters (hereby ordered).

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9th. A report of officers and enlisted men present and absent, to these headquarters, within ten days after each division or brigade parade or annual inspection (on the form farnished).—Circular November 19, 1869, headquarters First

division.

10th. A report containing the names of all officers absent during each year from any parade, drill, encampment, or meeting for instruction ordered by division commander, to division headquarters annually, on or before January 15.—Sec. 235, M. C.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS.

Ist. A semi-annual return of all discharges granted, to ac Adjutant-General on the first day of January and July.—

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2d. A return of all officers absent from any parade, encampment, drill, or meeting for instruction held during each year ending on the 31st day of December, to brigade headquarters, by adjutants of regiments, annually, on or before January 10.—Sec. 235, M. C.

3d. A special return (on the prescribed form) to the Adjutant-General annually, on or before May 1.—Par. 668, G. R.

4th. A return of the names and residences of all officers and non-commissioned staff officers to brigade headquarters annually, on or before May 20.—Par. 495, G. R.

5th. A return of clothing, quartermaster's stores, camp and garrison equipage, ordnance, and ordnance stores, to the Chief of Ordnance and Quartermaster-General annually, during the month of September.—Sec. 5, chap. 612, Laws of 1865.

6th. A return of all field and staff officers, non-commis-

6th. A return of all field and staff officers, non-commissioned staff officers, and musicians, present and absent, to brigade inspector, within twenty days after each annual inspection.—Sec 150, M. C., and par. 672, G. R. 7th. A report of the condition and number of arms and equipments, etc., to the Chief of Ordnance, by regimental quartermasters annually, on or before November 1.—Par. 868, G. R.

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8th. A statement of manœuvres practised during the year, to brigade headquarters annually, between November 1 and 15.—Par. 527, G. R.
9th. A roll giving name and description of all enlisted men who, during each year preceding December I, shall have paraded at least seven different times (four of which shall have been by regiment, battalion, or company), to the Adjutant-General annually, during the month of December and prior to the 15th day thereof.—Sec. 113, M. C.

COMPANY COMMANDANTS.

Ist. A semi-annual return of all discharges granted, to the Adjutant-General, by the commandants of separate troops, batteries, and companies, on the first day of January and July.—Sec. 253, M. C.

2d. A return of the names of all commissioned officers absent from any parade, encampment, drill, or meeting for instruction held during each year ending on the 31st day of December, to the next superior in command, by the commandants of separate troops, batteries, or companies, on or before January 5, annually.—Sec. 235, M. C.

3d. A special return (on the prescribed form) to the next superior in commandannually, on or before April 1.—Par. 669, G. R.

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7th. An annual statement of the particular manœuvres practised during the year, to the next superior in command, by the commandants of separate troops, batteries, and companies, between the 1st and 15th of November.—(Hereby ordered under par 527, G. R.)

8th. A roster of all commissioned officers, to the next superior in command, by the commandants of separate troops, batteries, and companies, annually on the 1st of December.—(Hereby ordered under sec. 37, M. C.)

9th. A roll giving name and description of all non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, who, during each year preceding the 1st day of December, shall have paraded at least seven different times (four of which parades shall have been by regiment, battalion, or company), to the Adjutant-General, by the commandants of separate troops, batteries, and companies, between the 1st and 15th day of December, annually.—Sec. 113, M.C.

10th. A return showing the number of commissioned and non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, present on parade and absent therefrom, the uniforms, arms, and equipments inspected, the number of uniforms belonging to the company, and the arms and equipments in its possession, to the inspector at the annual inspection and muster.—Sec. 149, M. C.

11th. Muster rolls to be delivered to the inspector one

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11th. Muster rolls to be delivered to the inspector one week prior to the day of inspection.—Subdivision 3 of par. 23 of General Orders No. 21, General Headquarters, series

1868.

12th. A report of officers and members present and absent at each division or brigade parade, to the next superior in command, by the commandants of troops, batteries, and companies, within five days thereafter.—(Under Circular November 19, 1869, division he adquarters.)

13th. A return of all officers absent from any parade, drill, encampment, or meeting for instruction, to the next superior in command, by the commandants of troops, batteries, and companies, annually, on or before the 5th day of January.—Sec. 235, M. C.

14th. A report of members liable to be dropped, to the next superior in command, by the rommandants of troops, batteries, and companies, at least three weeks before the annual muster.—Par. 6, General Orders No. 18, General Headquarters, series 1868.

On a recent Saturday afternoon, Lieutenant James C. Abrams, Corporal E. L. Nicoll, and Private Eugene Post, all of the Eighth Company, Seventh Infantry, accepted an invitation from Lieutenant Post, U. S. Army, stationed at Wes Point, to visit him. Every moment was delightfully employed, and they came away Sunday evening feeling exceedingly pleased with their visit, and much indebted to Lieutenants Post, Greenough, and King, for the many courtesies extended to them during their short stay......The Twenty-second will hold its annual reception on the 9th of January at the Academy of Music. It will be a complimentary or subscription affair, the expenses being entirely subscribed for by the regiment. No tickets will be for sale Candidates are constantly looming up for the vacant position of commis sary of ordnance on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief. Perhaps all those thus far mentioned may be disappointed. The chaplain of the Thirteenth, the talented and genial Dr. Carroll, was recently visited by the members of Company A, Captain Lefferts, at his residence in Brooklyn. The members appeared in full dress uniform, took with them a portion of the regimental band, and were handsomely entertained. During the evening the chaplain was made the recipient of an elegant regimental pin, the gift of the com-pany. We learn that it is the desire of the chaplain to beome acquainted with every member of the regiment, and to welcome them at his residence. The Doctor is an enthusiastic chaplain, and decidedly popular in the regiment The energetic quartermaster of the Twenty-second, Mr. William C. Rogers, has returned from California, prepared again to "smile on the members." Perhaps we are in error when applying the title of quartermaster to Mr. Rogers, for he claims to have resigned, and we announced this fact some time since. But the resignation, we think, has never been forwarded or accepted, and, it is alleged, will not be if the members can prevent it, for he is one of the "shining lights". of the "Two Two." Mr. Daniel Edwards, the armorer of the Seventh, has prepared an improvement for the Remington breech-loader. It has been or will be submitted to the patentees Thanksgiving or something has rendered military matters unusually dull this week. But few battalion drills have been ordered thus far in the different commands. and there seems a general feeling in the various regiments towards a uniformity in the manual of arms. The Twelfth thus far is ahead in battalion drills, having held this season at least half a dozen at the State Arsenal, and at each drill has shown manifest improvement. This command and its officers are working with a purpose which will eventually surprise the public The Eighth Infantry assembled at its armory (Grand street) on the evening of the 17th inst., for a mandants of separate troops, batteries, or companies, on or before January 5, annually.—Sec. 235, M. C.

3d. A special return (on the prescribed form) to the next superior in command annually, on or before April 1.—Par. 669, G. R.

4th. A return containing the names of all officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and uniformed privates, to the next superior in command, on or before the 1st of June annually.—Par. 496, G. R.

5th. A report of the names and residences of all new members, and of the names of all members who shall have resigned, or been expelled, or who shall have ceased or neglected to perform the full duties and services required by law, to the Commissioners of Jurors annually, between the 20th day of September and the 1st day of October.—Sec. 31,

RESIGNATIONS.

The resignations of the following-nam

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Twenty-fifth Infantry—William Reichert, first lieutenant, October 6. Sixth Infantry—Nelson G. Peterson, second lieutenant, October 6. Eighty-sixth Infantry—C. W. Bouton, first lieutenant, October 6. Third Cavalry—John J. Schaeht, eaptain, October 6. Sixty-ninth Infantry—P. A. Hargome, lieutenant-colonel, October 6; John Stacom, captain, October 13; Thomas G. Flannery, first lieutenant, October 13. Ninety-sixth Infantry—John Meyer, first lieutenant, October 13. Sixty-fifth Infantry—P. L. Sonnick, surgeon, October 13. Sixty-fifth Infantry—P. L. Sonnick, surgeon, October 13. Forty-seventh Infantry—David P. Walkins, first lieutenant, October 14. Twenty-third Infantry—Arthur J. Metz, captain, October 14. Sevent-fourth Infantry—O. F. Richards, captain, October 15; Frank Nagel, captain, October 15. First Cavalry—Herrman H. Wulbers, second lieutenant, October 20; Jacob Lang, second lieutenant, October 21. Eleventh Infantry—Geo. Nehrbas, captain, October 21; H. G. Schamback, adjutant, October 21.

MARSHAL BAZAINE AND HIS ACCUSERS.

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The conduct of Marshal Bazaine while commanding the army of the Rhine has been the subject of several communications to the French and Belgian journals. The case of his accusers is placed in its most authoritative form in a report dated October 28, and addressed to the French government by E. de Valcourt, an officer of the Mobile Guard, attaché at the general headquarters of the army of the Rhine. This report is divided into two parts, the first relating to the military, and the second to the political question.

The following is an extract from the second part:

"As early as the 20th of October an order of the day was read to the officers, announcing to them that a treaty of peace was about to be concluded between France and Prussia; that the Empress Regent was to be restored to power, and would join the army with her son; lastly, that the army itself would be ordered to march on the rebellious cities, would subdue them, and protect the meeting of the former Chambers at Toulouse; and that these Chambers would ratify the treaty of peace concluded with the Prussians—a treaty the conditions of which, as will be readily understood, were not communicated to the soldiers.

"Unfortunately for Bazaine's plan, the adhesion of King William's government was less certain than it was at first believed to be. Bazaine wishing to surrender the army, and not the fortress, over which he had only a restricted power, General Coffinière being then the superior commander, Prince Frederick Charles declared at last that he declined all arrangement on such terms, and that he would only accept a double capitulation, comprising both the army of the Rhine, that is, 100,000 men ready for immediate action, and the city and fortress of Metz.

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The conclusions of the report are these:

"To recapitulate Marshal Bazzine's conduct during the two months and a half which have elapsed from the battle of the 18th of August (Saint Privat) till now, founding our statements on the above-mentioned facts, we shall say:

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"1. That the Marshal, since the 18th of August, never attempted any sortie of a serious character, and that his order that they might afterward serve to his country and in history as excuses for his conduct.

"2. That the Marshal would not attempt a supreme effort which, even in case of a success, would have greatly disorganized his splendid army, and which would no longer have allowed him, the commander-in-chief of the army of the Rhine, to be the arbitrator of the political destinies of France.

"3. These considerations also explain why the Marshal never consented to recognize the Government of the National Defence, and sought, up to the very last, to collect the remnants of the Bonapartist power, with the view of establishing a third empire.

"4. Once convinced that he could only bring France and the Prussians also to adopt ideas of a Bonapartist restoration by adding the disaster of the capitulation of Metz to the other mistortunes which were already weighing down our unhappy country, the Marshal made it his business to hasten the hour of surrender.

"To do this he refused to diminish in good time the forage rations, thus suddenly leaving the 29,000 borses, which composed his cavalry and horsed his artillery, without any kind of food, instead of taking measures for making the resources he had still in hand on the 1st of September, when he made his final great sortie, last as long as possible. Also, after many delays, did he consent to lessen the food rations, and that, too, at a time when this measure could be of very slight use, as the quantity of provisions to which it could be applied was very small.

"5. In fact, Marshal Bazaine acted in every way with one sole object—namely, to be and to remain the master of the political situation in France; and, believing that he could make use of the Prussians to assist him in the execution of his ambitious designs, he wittingly gave up to them the town and fortress of Metz, as well as the French a

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ARNOLD—ARMSTRONG.—On Thursday, November 17, by the Rev. Dr. T. Stafford Drowne, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Conway H. ARNOLD, Master U. S. Navy, to FARSIE ARMSTRONG, daughter of Chief Engineer Wm. W. Wood, U. S. Navy. (No cards.)

BATES—BAKER.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on the evening of Thursday, foctober 27, by the Rev. Sidney Corbett, Captain Kinzie BATES, First U. S. Infantry, to Miss Sallie M. BAKER, of Quincy, Illinois.

COLLADAY—HARRISON.—In St. Louis, on Tuesday, November 8, at the residence of Dr. M. Martin, by Rev. Father Brennan, Lieutenant Samuel R. Colladay, U. S. A. to Sallie B. Harrison, daughter of Judge William P. Harrison, of Hannibal, Mo. (No cards.)

DIED.

QUINBY.—At Fort Concho, Texas, October 29 Mrs. Carre Quinby, wife of First Lieutenant Ire Quinby, R. Q. M. Eleventh U. S. Infantry.

ELLIOTT.—At the residence of Mrs. S. J. Elliott, Paris, Bourbon Co., Ky., November 10, from hemorrhage of the lungs, ANNIE KINTH ELLIOTT, youngest daughter of Mary F. and the late Lieu-tenant Thos. J. Elliott.

LONG.—On the 9th inst., at Philadelphia, after a long and painful illness, Robert H. Long, late Chief Engineer U. S. Navy. "Take him for all in all, he was a man."

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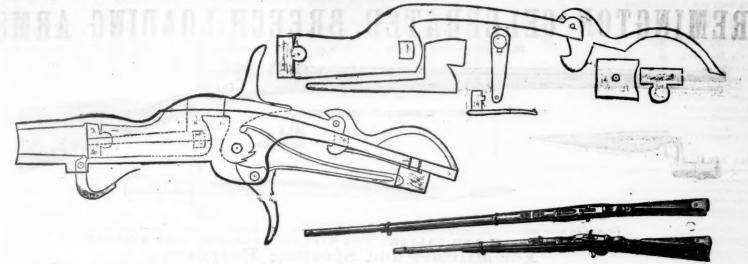
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